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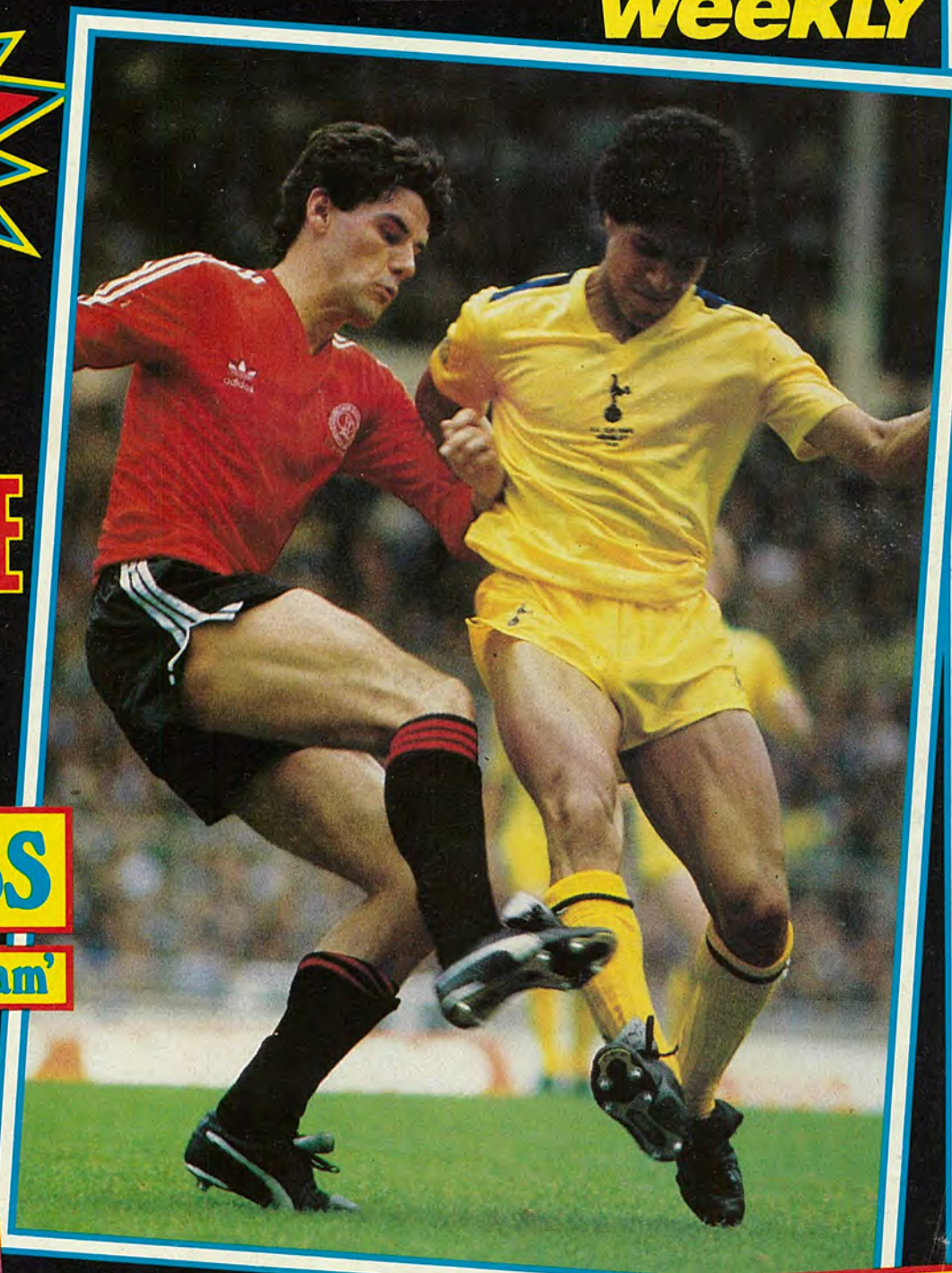
HUCKER FOILS THE SPURS!

Right: QPR's John Gregory and
Spurs' Chris Hughton battle it out in
Saturday's 1-1 draw at Wembley.

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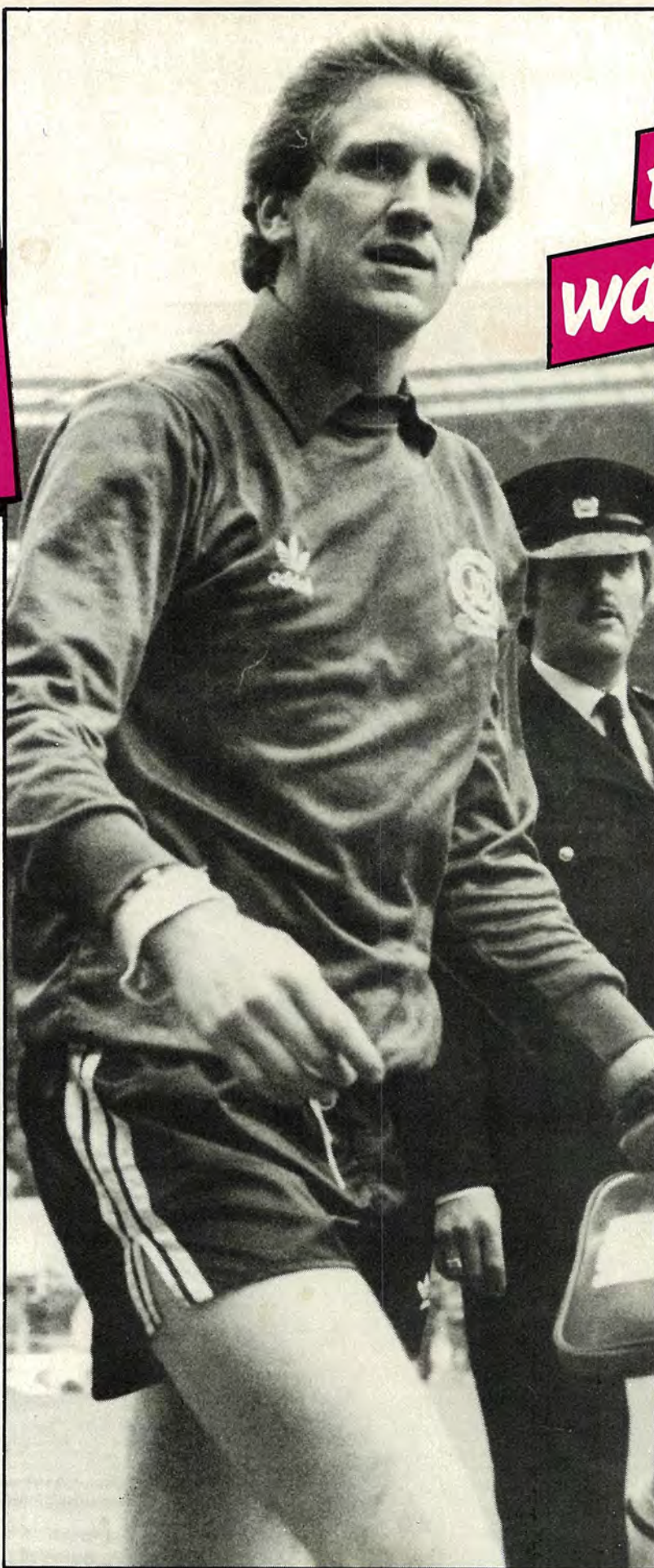
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Hucker warns Spurs...

HAIL Peter the Great! QPR goalkeeper Peter Hucker took the Wembley stage for the first time in his short career and produced a show-stopping performance.

He defied his youth and inexperience with a string of wonder saves to thwart holders Spurs and keep Rangers in the Cup.

And he enters the replay warning: "We gave them a good run for their money on Saturday and we'll give them an even better run this time."

Confident? You bet. And why not? It's been an amazing season for the 22-year-old Londoner who at the turn of the year had played just one senior game for Rangers.

His fearless performances have already earned him a place in the England Under-21 squad and he chose Wembley to show the watching world why he's rated so highly.

Steve Archibald, Garth Crooks, Mike Hazard and Garry Brooke will all testify to his ability. Each were denied as the young 'keeper performed wonders to keep the Rangers goal intact.

And the hero of the hour himself says: "I enjoyed every minute of it."

"That first save from Garth Crooks' shot gave me a lot of confidence and as the game went on it just got better and better... until they scored of course!"

Indeed, until Glenn Hoddle forced them ahead in the 19th minute of extra time, Spurs must have thought they'd never score.

And even then it took a slight deflection and a suddenly greasy surface — caused by a heavy shower — to help the ball into the net.

"It touched Tony Currie and skidded off the turf at twice the speed. But as we proved, the game's never over until the final whistle goes."

The save of the match came in the 81st minute. Steve Archibald was sent clear by Garth Crooks and only had Hucker to beat...

He looked certain to score but, diving to his right, Hucker made a brilliant one-handed save to push the ball round the post.

"That's the one that stands out for me," says Peter. "I thought where I'd put the ball if I was in his position and I guessed right, but I think Steve Archibald will be kicking himself for not scoring."

Rangers manager Terry Venables says he had no doubts that Hucker would handle the big occasion.

QPR hero Peter Hucker savours the last moments of that special Wembley atmosphere as he proudly heads back for the dressing rooms. "I enjoyed every minute of the match. After that first save it just got better and better and I'm sure we'll give Spurs a run for their money in the replay."

WE'LL BE BETTER NEXT TIME



QPR (0) 1 (Fenwick 115) SPURS (0) 1 (Hoddle 109)
(after extra time)
Att: 100,000 (at Wembley)

"His temperament is superb and I had no qualms about him.

"Overall I thought our control wasn't all it should have been, but that was only to be expected with the occasion.

"We've had the dress rehearsal now and the pressure will be off us in the replay. I'm sure all our players will be more relaxed.

"I thought we did really well

considering Spurs were playing at home!

"I thought we had the better of the game in the second half and our equaliser in extra time was a very well worked goal.

"It was a set piece and very similar to one we scored against Luton."

So it was last gasp ecstasy for the Second Division side and

their fans, but you couldn't help but feel sorry for Spurs.

Once again they found themselves so near and yet so far.

Against Liverpool in the League Cup Final this year they were only minutes away from glory — only to see the League Champions grab a last ditch equaliser and storm to victory in extra time.

But Keith Burkinshaw can take heart in the memory of last year's FA Cup Final when Spurs turned on a super show to defeat Manchester City in a Wembley replay.

Of course they had Argentinian Ricky Villa in matchwinning mood on that occasion.

Says the Spurs boss: "Maybe if Ricky had played on Saturday it would have made the difference — who can say?

"Ricky is a terrific player and he really wanted to play in the Final, but in the end it was more his decision not to play.

"He didn't want to put any extra pressure on the rest of the players.

"Everyone loves the big fella' and as we left the dressing room at Wembley Glenn Hoddle said: 'Let's go out and win the match if it's only for Ricky'.

Left: The chase is on. Industrious Spurs midfielder Mike Hazard (left) is the target for Rangers' Gary Waddock.



Top: Over you go! It's that man Hucker in action again as Spurs' Steve Archibald (8) lets fly.

Above: This is the moment Spurs thought they'd won the FA Cup for the second successive year. 'Match' columnist Glenn Hoddle slides in to score despite the attentions of Bob Hazell and Tony Currie (7).

"When Glenn put us ahead in extra time I thought he'd got his wish. I couldn't see Rangers coming back. They hadn't threatened us at the back too much.

"It was disappointing, but we've just got to get on with the job in the replay. If it's as good a game as it was last year — and we win — I won't complain."

One factor in Spurs favour is that Rangers will be without* suspended skipper Glenn Roeder for the replay.

It's a sickener for Roeder himself but he says: "When I have been out, Tony Currie has taken on the captaincy and if he's the one holding the Cup aloft after the replay it will be marvellous.

"Spurs must have thought they had the Cup won on Saturday and they must be mentally shattered."

● Page 4 — That Wembley feeling
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 ● Pages 20 and 21 — colour action from Wembley ... exclusive!



Happy feelings! Rangers goalscorer Terry Fenwick salutes the fans with a grin as broad as the Wembley pitch.

THAT WEMBLEY FEELING



Above: Bad feelings! Garth Crooks' expression says it all as referee Clive White of Harrow gives him a dressing down and takes his name for a foul on Terry Fenwick.

Left: Mixed feelings! Tony Currie blows a kiss to the crowd but Rangers skipper Glenn Roeder (nearest the camera) knows he will miss the replay.

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL '82



Wee Gordon Strachan is hoisted off the ground by delighted teammates after his goal had put Aberdeen 3-1 up.

ABERDEEN found something extra special in extra time at Hampden Park to tear the Scottish FA Cup from last year's winners Rangers.

Alex McLeish equalised John MacDonald's 15th minute goal for Rangers with a brilliant 'bender'. But it was in extra time that the Dons dominated, with further goals from Mark McGhee, Gordon Strachan and 18-year-old Neale Cooper.

EXTRA SPECIAL DONS



Victorious skipper Willie Miller shows the cup to Aberdeen's fans after the Dons had become the first team outside Glasgow to beat Rangers in a Cup Final since Kilmarnock did it in 1929.



Above: The youngest player on the field, 18-year-old Neale Cooper, breaks clear before netting Aberdeen's fourth.

Left: Rangers keeper Jim Stewart (partly hidden) and high-flying John McClelland foil Dons' John Hewitt.

Dad defects to follow Steve

STEVE Francis, Chelsea's 17-year-old goalkeeping discovery, admits that his own hero has always been Arsenal's Pat Jennings.

And it seems that if fate had taken a different twist, young Steve could so easily have been at Highbury now, learning the trade from his great idol.

"My Dad was an Arsenal season ticket holder, and used to take me to Highbury with him," says Steve.

"And, while I was still at school, I had a trial with Arsenal which obviously excited my Dad.

"But in the end I chose Chelsea because they seemed friendlier."

So Arsenal not only lost a highly promising keeper, they lost a supporter, too.

"Dad's now got a season ticket at Stamford Bridge," says Steve.

Rock-on Tommy!

MANCHESTER City's England Under-21 defender Tommy Caton ranks as the only player who has ever made maximum Division One appearances in a season while still a teenager. He played in all City's 42 League matches in 1979-80.

● LINCOLN are releasing forward John Ward from his short-term contract so that he can rejoin Watford as a coach.

Sportsmen boost for disabled

SEVERAL of Britain's soccer stars, including 'Match Weekly' columnist Paul Mariner, are among a group of well-known sports personalities who are members of a new company called Sportsmen in Business.

Their aim is to promote to British industry the excitement and enthusiasm generated by personal appearances with five per cent of all fees going to charity.

Each year Sportsmen in Business will decide which charity will be supported and, in principle, how the money will be spent in providing sports facilities for the young and for the disabled.

The company is the brainchild of England and Ipswich full-back Mick Mills and his friends, ex-champion jockey Willie Carson, bowls ace David Bryant and darts supremo John Lowe.

Other soccer members include England men Ray Clemence, Ray Wilkins, Terry Butcher and Phil Thompson.

Steve is top man

TOTTENHAM skipper Steve Perryman is the 'Football Writers Footballer of the Year'.

He topped the poll from his club-mate Glenn Hoddle and England skipper Kevin Keegan.

Other players prominent in the voting were Liverpool trio Kenny Dalglish, Ian Rush and Graeme Souness, Ipswich's Alan Brazil, and two other Tottenham men, Ray Clemence and Osvaldo Ardiles.

So it's been quite a climax to the season for the Tottenham stalwart.

Apart from leading Spurs to their second successive FA Cup Final appearance, he was also included in England's squad for the first time.

Go Continental

COVENTRY pair Ray Gooding and Rudi Kaiser may be playing on the Continent next season after failing to achieve regular places in the First Division.

Gooding, recently on loan to Bristol City, is having discussions with Dutch club Sparta Rotterdam, while Kaiser, a Dutch Under-21 international, is having trials with French club Bastia.

Meanwhile, Coventry's end of season flourish included a first-ever League hat-trick for young Steve Whitton.

It came in the 3-1 victory at Manchester City and followed his two goals in the remarkable 5-5 draw at Southampton a few days earlier.

Ballet dancing Hammers?

WEST Ham have been led a merry dance at times this season — not by First Division teams but by a local schools' dance teacher.

Sarah Harwood has conducted several training sessions this season, taking the players through ballet-style exercises.

"We're not in the business of producing unlikely ballet stars," insists West Ham manager John Lyall.

"But we believe balance and agility are an important aspect of fitness. And keeping players' minds open to new and fresh ideas is always worthwhile."

Robbie marks his milestone
 SWANSEA's Welsh international striker Robbie James celebrated his 350th League appearance for the club by scoring against Everton.
 The goal, however, came too late to prevent Swansea slipping to a 3-1 home defeat at the hands of Everton — their first 'double defeat' of the season.
 Robbie was also on target the following weekend with both goals in the 2-0 win at Nottingham Forest, now minus assistant manager Peter Taylor who announced his retirement a few days before the match.
 It meant that Forest had won only one home League match since last October — a sequence of 13 games.
 Meanwhile, manager Brian Clough sent Norwegian defender Einar Aas packing for an early holiday in the hope of getting him fully fit for the start of next season.
 The £250,000 central defender has been out of action since November with a broken ankle.

Craig's clanger!

BURY striker Craig Madden must have felt like jumping off the Hartlepool stand after missing out on a £5,000 goals jackpot.

He missed a penalty in Bury's 1-0 Fourth Division defeat at the Victoria Ground and it proved an expensive one.

He needed just one goal to achieve the 35 League goals target and collect a £5,000 cheque from the sponsors, Pepsi-Cola.

Then he discovered that Sheffield United's Keith Edwards had snatched the two goals he wanted against Peterborough to pip him for the bumper pay-day.

On the run

THESE three Sheffield Wednesday players (left to right) Mark Smith, Charlie Williamson and Andy McCulloch, are to put their best foot forward for charity.

They are competing in the first ever Sheffield Marathon on June 6 and at the same time raising money for the Hallam branch of the Muscular Dystrophy Group of which striker Andy is Vice-President.

Let's celebrate

HEREFORD'S free-scoring full-back Chris Price is their 'Player of the Year'.

He received the award before the 4-1 home win over Crewe and he marked the occasion by collecting his tenth goal of the season... and none of them have been penalties.



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Promotion is spot on says skipper

WATFORD skipper Pat Rice is confident that promotion to the First Division has come right on schedule.

"The timing is perfect," insists the former Arsenal captain.

"If we had gone up last season, we would have come straight down again. But after this season, we are in a very different situation.

"Now we are much better prepared, and better equipped for what we will face.

"The youngsters who came in were tremendous — and can only get better.

"But our ace is that we also had players of First Division experience

waiting to get back in the side from the reserves.

"So it means we not only have a good team, but perhaps equally important, a good squad. That's going to be a tremendous advantage to us next term."

But Watford are not planning to cash in on their success next season.

Only very modest price rises are proposed for both seats and standing accommodation with season tickets up from as little as 20p on last year's rates.

And all seated fans will get a programme free in the price of their seat.

Watford skipper Pat Rice — "We are well equipped for what we face next season."

Eamon clinches it for Wigan

WIGAN'S £65,000 investment in former Everton striker Eamon O'Keefe has certainly paid dividends.

The Eire international collected his second hat-trick of the season in the 3-1 home defeat of Mansfield which clinched promotion from the Fourth Division for the League's youngest club.

It means that three of the four teams promoted from the Fourth Division are managed by former First Division central defenders.

Wigan's Larry Lloyd, Bradford City's Roy McFarland and Bournemouth's David Webb have all achieved promotion in their first full seasons of management.

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

● **FORMER** Sunderland striker Vic Halom, who found fame in the 1973 FA Cup Final victory over Leeds at Wembley, has been appointed manager of Norwegian Third Division team Bergsoy.

● **MALCOLM** Allison may not have achieved much success in his second spell as manager of Manchester City, but he has guided Sporting Lisbon to their second Portuguese Championship in three years.

● **FOURTH** Division Mansfield had two points deducted by the League Management Committee for fielding an ineligible player in Colin Calderwood during the 2-0 win at Crewe in March.

Non stop Dixie

STILL going strong at 35 is Wrexham striker Dixie McNeil.

And the former Leicester, Exeter, Northampton, Lincoln and Hereford goal ace has no plans to retire.

"I feel as fit and as strong now as I ever did. I can still do a job for Wrexham, but when the manager feels it is time for me to go, I'd like to do a job for a Third or Fourth Division club," he says.

His League goals tally is approaching 250 and only Dennis Law has scored more FA Cup goals.

BOB'S SECRET ARMY

BOB Paisley's absence through illness at a crucial time in Liverpool's run-in to the title illustrated superbly what has helped to keep the club at the top for so long.

"Everyone keeps asking me our secret, and maybe my illness provided a vital clue," says the Liverpool boss.

"We don't have just one team to beat here at Anfield — we have two — one on the field and one off it.

"I knew things were in safe hands while I was away because Ronnie Moran, Joe Fagan, Roy Evans and Tom Saunders have been doing things the Liverpool way for so many years.

"Obviously I was kept in touch with events, but I never had any doubts whatsoever that things would continue to tick over — even though we were involved in what was probably the most crucial stage of the season."

Don't miss this one!

GOALS... They're what the game of football is all about. And that's what makes Match Weekly's new series 'The goal of my life' a real winner.

The series starts this week with that great volley by Spurs' Glenn Hoddle in a League Cup tie against Manchester United.

It's a goal worthy of starting off such an exciting series — and Glenn relives it with you, with the aid of artist Steve McGarry, on page 9.

Also in this week's issue, Match is on the ball again with the first colour action from Saturday's FA Cup Final. It's that sort of quicksilver service that makes Match real value-for-money.

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'Match' columnist Glenn Hoddle against Manchester United in the League Cup, 1979.

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THE STING

How a Hornet plans to 'get even' with City

MANCHESTER City shattered Nigel Callaghan's dreams at the tender age of twelve.

When he wrote to his boyhood idols for a trial, they politely told him to try again . . . in two years' time.

But in the meantime, his local side Watford stepped in.

And now, with the 'Hornets' looking forward to their first season in Division One, Nigel has the chance to show the Maine Road club what they missed.

"I'd love nothing better than to put one over on City next season," admits the 19-year-old winger.

"I shall really look forward to our two games against them.

"Of course, it's going to be great playing against Liverpool — although I don't fancy opposing Alan Kennedy too much!

"But the big one will be Spurs.

Glenn Hoddle is my favourite player and I'd love to become a midfielder myself one day."

For the time being, however, it's scoring goals rather than making them

that represents Nigel's prime target.

His opening day effort which defeated Newcastle at St James' Park won the fans' 'Goal of the Season' award run by the Watford Observer, but he says:

"I'll be looking to double my goals tally next season.

"I scored six this season and my finishing let me down.

"My other main aim is for a full season in the first team."

Nigel was born in Singapore and arrived in England as a one-year-old.

His first links with Watford go back to when they were in the Fourth Division although they were a Second Division outfit by the time he signed apprentice forms.

"Of the group of youngsters I trained with in the early days, only myself and Kenny Jackett were kept on when manager Graham Taylor came to the club.

"The youth team took off from there and I was lucky in that when I signed apprentice forms, the club didn't have a very big playing staff and I was playing reserve team football fairly regularly."

Nigel's first team debut came in the last game of the 1979-80 season at home to Burnley when Watford won 4-0.

Last season, he made 21 League appearances and this season he increased his total to 56.

"I've been pleased enough with my form although there have been certain times when the 'gaffer' hasn't been too happy!

"Naturally, I'm looking forward to First Division football because that's everyone's ambition and I'm sure we can surprise a few teams.

"Right full-back Pat Rice has helped me no end this season and I think he's now more confident of giving me the ball in tight positions.

"The good thing is that he doesn't pull me back into defence too far.

"Of the other players, John Barnes

has had a good season on the other wing and Les Taylor has been generating so much in the middle of the park.

"He won the 'Player of the Season' award and he certainly deserved it.

"Then you've got Ian Bolton who hasn't missed a match — League or Cup — Steve Terry who's done very well and, of course, Luther Blissett, Ross Jenkins and Gerry Armstrong up front.

"I never had any doubts that we would make promotion this season because we made it so hard for opponents with our commitment. The club spirit has been incredible.

"If one player was going through a bad time, the others were there to help him out.

"I'm over the moon with the final result and to wrap up promotion against Wrexham in front of our own fans was just tremendous.

"We were a bit on edge even though we won 2-0 and didn't play as well as we can but I'll go through that kind of experience any day!

"I'm sure we'll do okay in the First Division.

"I'm not saying we are going to take it by storm, but I think we can finish in the top half of the League."

Manchester United and West Ham (beaten 1-0 and 2-0 respectively in the FA Cup this season) and Southampton (beaten 7-1 in the League Cup last season) would surely back up that claim.

And says Nigel: "I don't think there will be a game to touch that Southampton match. I came on as substitute and scored the sixth goal with my first touch. The ball just kept going in the net!

"We probably should have done better in the FA Cup this season looking at the teams that were left in . . . but I reckon QPR, who played Spurs in the FA Cup Final last Saturday, would gladly swap places with us!"



Nigel Callaghan — out to show Manchester City what they missed next season.



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THE GOAL OF MY LIFE



Glenn Hoddle's superbly-struck waist-high volley for Tottenham against Manchester United looked the ultimate in planned goals.

"This one must rate as the best I've ever scored," says England star Glenn.

"We work a lot on set pieces in training and some time after the game at an England get-together, Dave Sexton (then manager of Manchester United) said the goal looked so good, with a lot of players moving around, that we had planned it in advance. But in actual fact it was a one-off in every sense of the word."

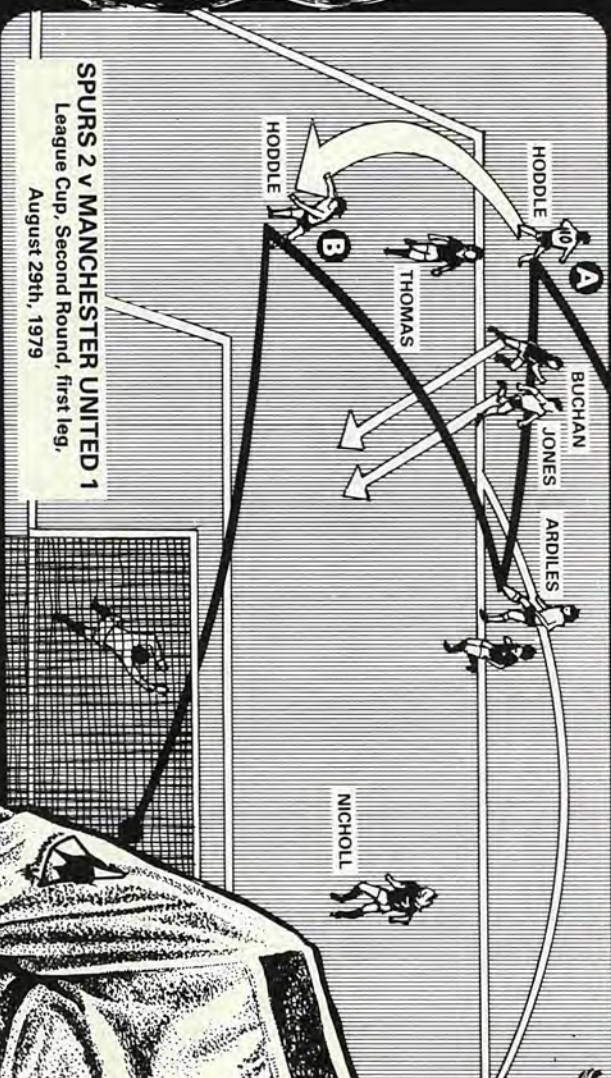
Terry Yorath began the move when he found me with a free-kick on the right. I flicked it to Ossie Ardiles and then ran round the back of Mickey Thomas (now with Brighton).

Ossie's return ball was a little high and I remember I was a bit undecided whether to take it on or hit it first time.

In the split second I settled on the shot and I was so thankful that I did because I saw my right foot volley fly into the top corner of the net.

Immediately afterwards I had the feeling it was something better than I had ever scored before...and the White Hart Lane crowd only strengthened that belief.

At half-time Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw told me it was the best goal he had ever seen."



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THE referee is always right, even if, like Ronnie Whelan (above) you don't agree.

Brian Daniels points to the spot in Liverpool's Division One match at Southampton and Phil Thompson makes sure Ronnie doesn't carry his argument too far . . .

Cardiff's Wayne Hughes does the restraining job on team-mate Steve Grapes (below, right). Could it have been something he said to referee Brian Hill?

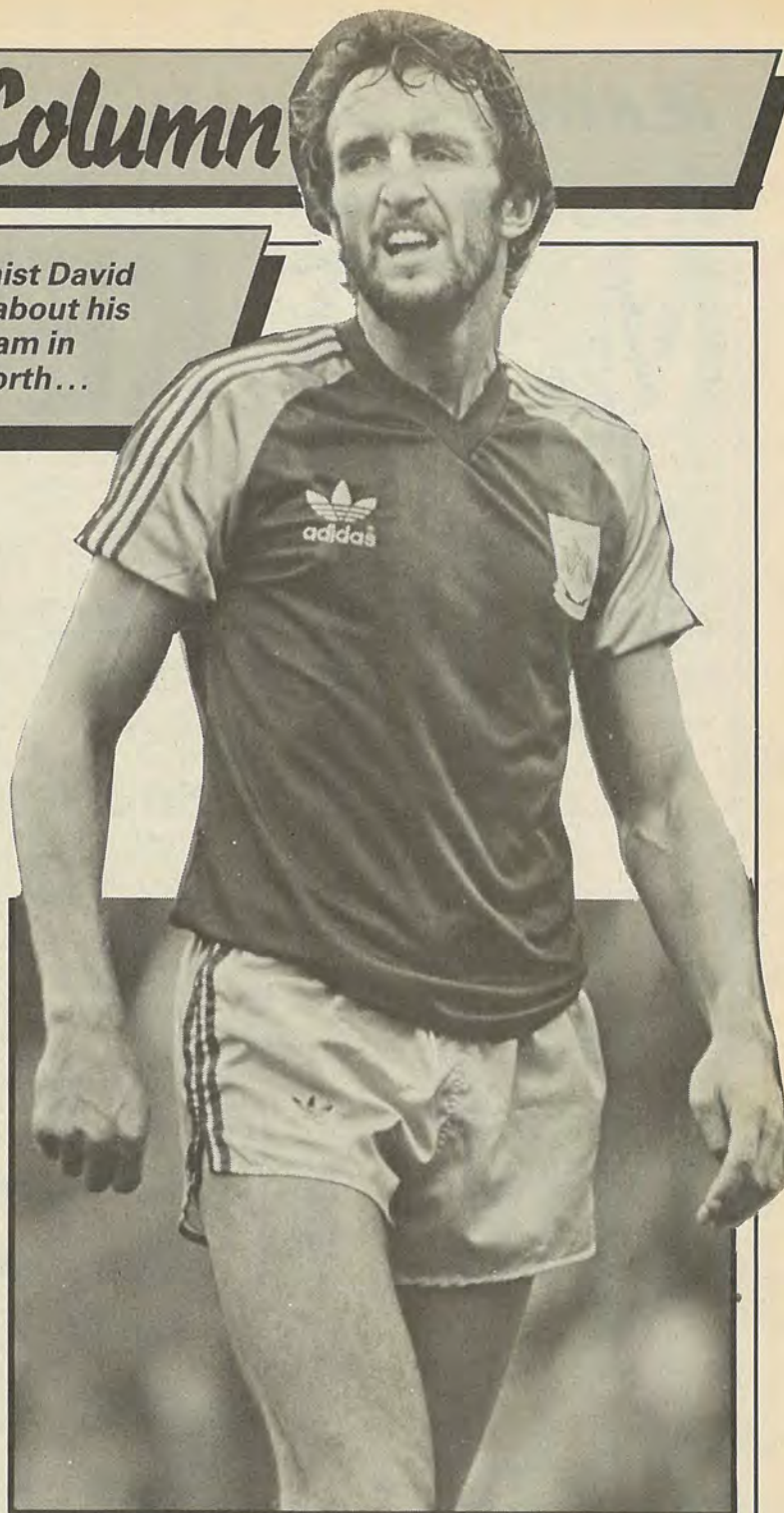
Seeing the funny side (below, left) is whistler Alan Robinson.



The David Cross Column

I'M LEAVING WEST HAM

Regular 'Match' columnist David Cross talks exclusively about his decision to quit West Ham in search of fame in the North...



● David Cross talks to Melvyn Beck.

I'VE just had to make the most difficult decision of my soccer career.

It has ended with me rejecting a new contract and quitting West Ham.

There's no question of a bust-up. I love the club, the people and the fans, but I feel the time is right to return home and make a name in the North.

People, including West Ham manager John Lyall, believe I'm taking a big gamble in leaving a First Division club with nowhere to go.

But I look at it as a calculated risk. I scored 16 goals on my return to the top flight last season.

And, at 31, I reckon that I've got at least another four years to offer in the First Division.

I've pinned a lot of faith and confidence in my ability.

Now I just hope that a First Division club in the North will give me a chance.

If I fail and have to drop out of the big time, then that will just be bad luck, but at least I've made the break.

My name has already been linked with the two Manchester clubs, which is very flattering.

Obviously I would be more than interested in offers from those two major clubs, but I'll not be rushing into anything.

I am spending a month in America during the summer and I shall be looking at the football situation over there.

But at the moment, I'm banking on lining-up in the First Division next August with one of the Northern clubs.

To leave West Ham took a lot of heart-searching because I've had four and a half happy years at Upton Park since my £200,000 move from West Brom in December 1977.

It would have been so easy for me to have stayed.

Manager John Lyall wanted me

to stay and made me a very attractive offer and I've always had a great rapport with the fans and all the staff and players at the club.

I spent more than a week weighing up the situation before reaching my decision.

But I have always maintained that I would like to conclude my soccer career in my native North West and I felt it right to make the move now rather than wait another year or two.

I also want to make a name for myself in the North in case I have to turn to a future in business when my playing days are over.

Obviously I would have a better chance in business if I was a well known soccer personality in that area.

But the main reason for the move is to return nearer my family in the Manchester area after being away for 11 years.

Although my widowed mother has always understood the need for me to pursue my career, it's nice now to be in a position where I can have more time with her, my four brothers and my girl friend.

And from a personal point of view, the introduction of freedom of contract has enabled me to dictate where I go for the first time in my career.

I realise there will be a lot of professional footballers out of a job this summer, and that knowledge made me even more determined to put myself in this precarious position!

If you like, I'm putting my ability to the test at possibly the worst time, but felt the need to do it.

As you can imagine, there was a lump in my throat when I made my farewell performance for West Ham in the 2-1 defeat at Wolves.

There was also a lump on my

head, courtesy of Wolves defender Joe Gallagher, which forced me to leave the match at half-time. A disappointing end to my career with West Ham.

It was an accidental clash of heads in the opening minutes which forced me to have three stitches, but I came back to score a goal which was nice in my last appearance.

I've left West Ham with the happiest of memories, an FA Cup winners' medal, a League Cup runner's-up medal and a Second Division Championship medal.

And with 78 League goals in 157 appearances, I believe I have fulfilled all that West Ham expected of me when I joined them.

I have wonderful memories of my two cup final appearances for the club, but the most satisfying part for me was scoring 22 goals

two seasons ago to help them back into the First Division.

And I've departed knowing that my 16 goals last season played their part in establishing them in the First Division.

It would probably have been easier for me to stay with West Ham had I not been so happy and content.

That may seem strange, but in those circumstances it would have presented me with a real challenge.

There is still plenty for West Ham to achieve, but for me there are new, and hopefully, exciting challenges ahead.

Only time will tell whether this gamble I have taken will prove to be a winner for me in the end.

David Cross

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Match them up

LISTED below are five top players. Can you match them with the clubs where they started playing?

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 Kevin Reeves | A Scunthorpe |
| 2 Bob Latchford | B Burnley |
| 3 Chris Nicholl | C Bournemouth |
| 4 Ray Clemence | D Peterborough |
| 5 John Wile | E Birmingham |

RIDDLE TIME

CAN you identify the following player with the help of these clues? He led the Birmingham attack alongside an emerging young teenager called Trevor Francis. He then left the Midlands and his goalkeeping brother to join one of the top clubs in the North West. He finished up as his new team's top scorer for his first five seasons and was capped 12 times by England. He's currently helping another First Division team establish itself. Solution next week.

● The answer to last week's riddle was Tottenham keeper Ray Clemence.



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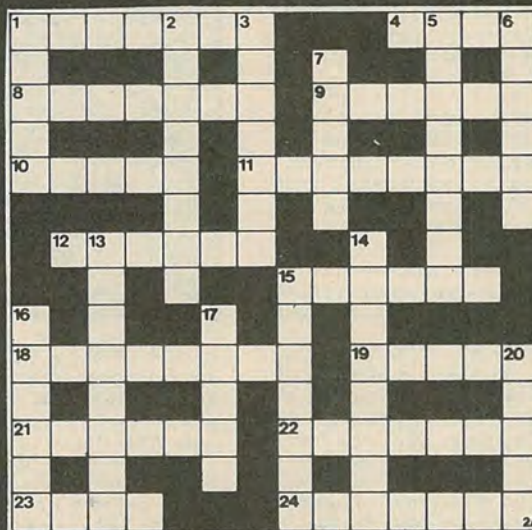


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Across

- Stoke's Lee is as good as two other blokes together! (7)
- The devilish part of Lincoln City's nickname (4)
- A player who is hoping to break into the first team (7)
- The first goal (6)
- Aldershot's nickname (oh dear, we've given it away!) (5)
- 'He learn't' (anagram) — that's how he became a goalkeeper (8)
- Trevor is obviously not one of Portsmouth's juniors! (6)
- Forward Derek --- had a long career which took in Swansea, Derby, Bradford Park Avenue and Chester, for whom he played 300 games (6)
- Manager Jack appears regularly on television in non-soccer programmes (e.g. angling, touring Britain, etc.) (8)
- What a club would have to pay to buy David, Ken or Chris (5)
- Bonhof (West Germany) (6)
- See 7 down
- What the artist did to show what his team did? (4)
- Kilmarnock's nickname makes them sound dangerous! (7)

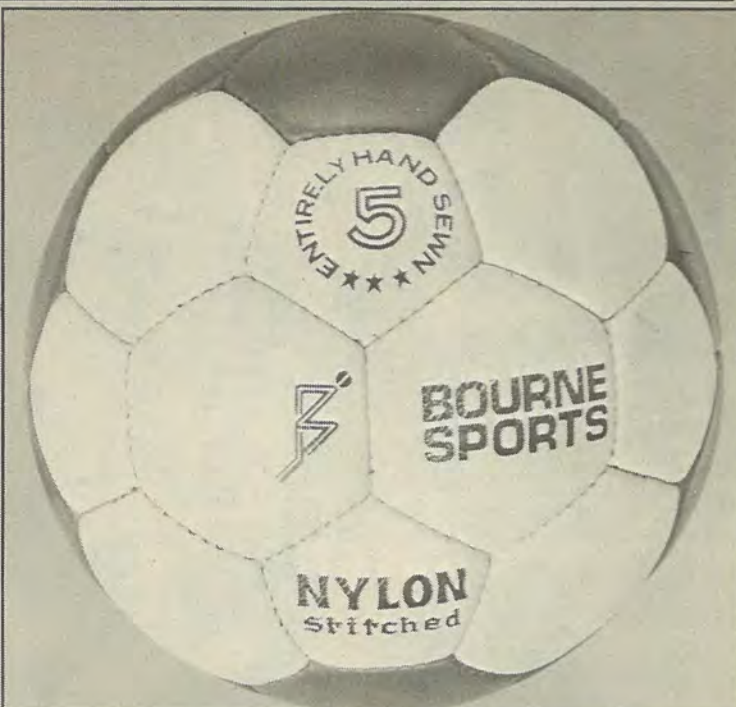
Down

- & 2. Swansea defender seen in action for Wales in the Home International Championship (5,8)
- Famous sweet-making family who have had boardroom connections with Hull City for many years (7)
- Scottish side (8)
- He sounds like a forceful Fulham defender (6)
- & 22 across. Where clubs compete for the Copa Libertadores, their counterpart of the European Cup (5,7)
- The other team would have to do this to compensate for 9 across (8)
- Bradford's Bobby made his debut for Northern Ireland against Scotland in April (8)
- League of Ireland club (7)
- What someone did to get 9 across, and someone else did to 13 down (6)
- Galactic description given to the best players ... (5)
- ... and Villa's Allan is one of them (5)

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All entries must reach us by Friday, June 4 and the results will appear in our June 19 issue.

STOP THE ACTION

HERE'S action from an Ipswich v Liverpool game this season. How many of the following questions can you answer with the help of the photograph?

- A: Who are the five players in the picture?
- B: The two teams met in a cup competition this season — which one?
- C: Who are the captains of both teams?
- D: What trophies did each team win last season?
- E: One player on the current staff has played for both teams. Who is he?

A



B



Name

Address

Age



SOLUTIONS

STOP THE ACTION: A — Players pictured are (from left): Mick Mills (Ipswich), Terry McDermott (Liverpool), Russell Osman, Steve McCall and Paul Cooper (all Ipswich); B — League Cup; C — Mick Mills (Ipswich), Graeme Souness (Liverpool); D — Ipswich won the UEFA Cup; Liverpool won the European Cup and League Cup; E — David Johnson

SOCCEWORD: Across: 1. Chap-man; 4. Imps; 8. reserve; 9. opener; 10. Shots; 11. Letharan; 12. Senior; 15. Draper; 18. Charlton; 19. Price; 21. Rainer; 22. See 7 down; 23. drew; 24. Killies. Down: 1 & 2. Chris Marustik; 3. Needler; 5. Montrose; 6. Strong; 7 & 22 across; South America; 13. equalise; 14. Campbell; 15. Dundalk; 16. scored; 17. stars; 20. Evans.

MATCH THEM UP: 1 — C; 2 — E; 3 — B; 4 — A; 5 — D. (Liverpool)

THE GRAEME



Champions: Graeme Souness (centre) has the League Championship trophy firmly in his grasp — surrounded by delighted team mates.

WINNING the League Championship seemed a million miles away as the Liverpool players sat dejectedly in the Anfield dressing room on Boxing Day after another home defeat.

We couldn't have been lower. We were feeling sorry for ourselves because Manchester City had beaten us 3-1 and we were 12th in the First Division.

And yet that defeat proved to be the turning point of our season. In the inquest that followed, the players decided that it was no good moping and cursing our luck. It was time to show our mettle.

And against Tottenham on the last Saturday of the season, we got just reward for our determination and character — we clinched the League Championship!

To be honest, the most I had hoped for was perhaps an appearance in a cup final. The team were going through a transition and new faces were replacing old.

And a lot of the credit for our success this season has got to go to Ronnie Whelan, Ian Rush and Bruce Grobbelaar. They've all shown tremendous character.

It's not an easy job taking over from established favourites but all three have risen to the challenge superbly.

Ronnie faced the daunting task of replacing Ray Kennedy, who I regard as the best left-sided midfielder in the country.

Liverpool's route to glory

DATE	OPPONENTS	SCORE/SCORERS	ATT
Aug. 29	Wolves (a)	0-1	28,001
Sept. 1	Middlesbro' (h)	1-1 (Neal pen.)	31,963
Sept. 5	Arsenal (h)	2-0 (McDermott, Johnson)	35,629
Sept. 12	Ipswich (a)	0-2	26,703
Sept. 19	A Villa (h)	0-0	37,470
Sept. 22	Coventry (a)	2-1 (McDermott pen., Kennedy A.)	16,731
Sept. 26	West Ham (a)	1-1 (Johnson)	30,802
Oct. 3	Swansea (h)	2-2 (McDermott 2 pens.)	48,645
Oct. 10	Leeds (h)	3-0 (Rush 2, o.g.)	35,840
Oct. 17	Brighton (a)	3-3 (Dalglish, Kennedy R., McDermott)	26,321
Oct. 24	Man. Utd (h)	1-2 (McDermott pen.)	41,438
Oct. 31	Sunderland (a)	2-0 (McDermott, Souness)	27,854
Nov. 7	Everton (h)	3-1 (Dalglish 2, Rush)	48,861
Nov. 21	West Brom (a)	1-1 (Dalglish)	20,871
Nov. 28	Southampton (h)	0-1	35,189
Dec. 5	Nott'm F. (a)	2-0 (Kennedy R., Lawrenson)	24,521
Dec. 26	Man. City (h)	1-3 (Whelan)	37,929
Jan. 5	West Ham (h)	3-0 (McDermott, Whelan, Dalglish)	28,427
Jan. 16	Wolves (h)	2-1 (Whelan, Dalglish)	26,438
Jan. 26	Notts Co. (a)	4-0 (Rush 3, Whelan)	14,407
Jan. 30	A. Villa (a)	3-0 (Rush, McDermott 2)	35,947
Feb. 6	Ipswich (h)	4-0 (McDermott, Rush, Dalglish, Whelan)	41,316
Feb. 16	Swansea (a)	0-2	22,604
Feb. 20	Coventry (h)	4-0 (Rush, McDermott pen., Lee, Souness)	28,286
Feb. 27	Leeds (a)	2-0 (Souness, Rush)	33,689
Mar. 6	Brighton (h)	0-1	28,574
Mar. 9	Stoke (a)	5-1 (McDermott, Dalglish, Whelan, Souness, Lee)	16,758
Mar. 20	Sunderland (h)	1-0 (Rush)	30,344
Mar. 27	Everton (a)	3-1 (Whelan, Souness, Johnston)	51,847
Mar. 30	Birmingham (h)	3-1 (Rush 2, McDermott)	24,224
Apr. 2	Notts County (h)	1-0 (Dalglish)	30,126
Apr. 7	Man. Utd (a)	1-0 (Johnston)	50,967
Apr. 10	Man. City (a)	5-0 (Johnston, Rush, Neal pen, Lee, Kennedy A.)	40,112
Apr. 13	Stoke (h)	2-0 (Kennedy A., Johnston)	30,419
Apr. 17	West Brom (h)	1-0 (Dalglish)	34,286
Apr. 24	Southampton (a)	3-2 (Whelan 2, Rush)	24,704
May 1	Nott'm F. (h)	2-0 (Johnston 2)	34,321
May 3	Tottenham (a)	2-2 (Dalglish 2)	38,091
May 8	Birmingham (a)	1-0 (Rush)	26,381
May 11	Arsenal (a)	1-1 (Rush)	30,932
May 15	Tottenham (h)	3-1 (Lawrenson, Dalglish, Whelan)	48,122
May 18	Middlesbro' (a)	0-0	17,431

● Liverpool's result first in each case.

TITLE



Left: Ronnie Whelan — "I believe he'll become one of the all-time greats of British football."



Right: Kenny Dalglish cracks home the goal which gave Liverpool a 2-1 lead against Spurs and so took the League Championship trophy back to Anfield.

SOUNESS COLUMN

He's done that job well and also popped up with some crucial goals.

If the Eire international maintains the attitude he has now, I believe he'll become one of the all-time greats of British football — I rate him that highly.

He's only a young lad and yet there's such a mature head on his shoulders. In my opinion, he's a quality footballer.

Our Welsh international Ian Rush has made a tremendous impression. In his first full season, he's scored 30 goals . . . and none of those came from the penalty spot!

Goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar had his problems in the early days but he never let it get him down. He was always man enough to hold up his hands and admit his errors.

But he got over his shaky start and finished the season with one of the best goalkeeping records in the First Division.

I believe Liverpool have a stronger squad now than they did this time last year, but I know that the backroom boys won't be resting on their laurels. They are still looking to improve and strengthen.

It's been a funny season in many ways because we've had to suffer our fair share of disappointments along the way. Our campaign couldn't have got off to a worse start with a 1-0

defeat at Wolves.

And our home record, of which we are fiercely proud, took a battering. Both Manchester clubs, Southampton and Brighton came to Anfield and won. Every defeat really hurt.

There was a time manager Bob Paisley called us 'playboys' after we'd been beaten 2-0 by title challengers Ipswich. He accused us of not buckling down.

Our attitude was again at fault when we were knocked out of the FA Cup by Second Division Chelsea. We thought the result was a formality and paid for our complacency.

The FA Cup defeat came in the middle of a bad two weeks for us. At one stage, we were well placed in all four competitions. The next thing we knew, there were only two to aim for.

The biggest disappointment for me was the defeat by CSKA Sofia in the European Cup. No matter how much we complained about the refereeing, the simple fact of the matter was that we should have made our first leg superiority at Anfield count with goals.

But there were also the good times to compensate. Lifting the League Cup at Wembley after beating Tottenham 3-1 was one of the proudest moments of my career.

It was ironic that it was against the same London side that we

made sure of the 13th Championship in Liverpool's history.

And I must admit that when the final whistle went at Anfield, my first feelings were those of relief. I was just glad that it was all over. A year of hard work was finally over and we'd been rewarded.

It's hard to put into words the feeling of total elation when you know that you've actually achieved what you set out to do.

It's been a tough campaign. Ipswich pushed us really hard and I feel sorry for them. This is the second year running that they've had to be content with second place.

But the chance was there for them to win the title and it was wasted. They have been unlucky with injuries but, to win the trophy, you've got to have a good enough squad to overcome those difficulties.

I believe that the turning point came for Ipswich when we played them three times in just over a week. We beat them twice — including a 4-0 win at Anfield. Those meetings took a lot out of them.

Tottenham put in a strong challenge but, in the end, the fact that they were going for everything meant a massive fixture backlog and finally got on top of them. I also believe that they missed Ossie Ardiles a great deal.

Manchester United finished very strongly and they will be one of the main challengers to



our crown next season.

Swansea proved to be the surprise team of the First Division and, if they get off to a good start next season, they will be a threat again.

There wasn't much time for celebrating and toasting our success. Soon after the final fixtures were played, I was off up north to report for international duty and begin Scotland's build-up to the World Cup Finals. I'll tell you more about that in two weeks' time!

Don't miss next week's issue for the first colour pictures from Liverpool's day of glory . . . and we spotlight the Kenny Dalglish goal which clinched the title.

● Graeme Souness was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

TURNING POINT



POLAND

HOW THEY GOT THERE

EUROPEAN GROUP SEVEN:
Malta 0, Poland 2 (Smolarek, Lipka) — La Valleta, Dec. 7, 1980.
Poland 1 (Buncol), East Germany 0 — Warsaw, June 2, 1981.
East Germany 2, Poland 3 (Smolarek 2, Szarmach) — Leipzig, Oct. 10, 1981.
Poland 6 (Smolarek 2, Iwan, Boniek, Majewski, Ziekanowski) — Wroclaw, Nov. 15, 1981.
LEADING SCORER: Smolarek 5.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
POLAND	4	4	0	0	12	2	8
E. Germany	4	2	0	2	9	6	4
Malta	4	0	0	4	2	15	0



Poland midfield star
Zbigniew Boniek.

Talented but troubled

EIGHT months ago, Poland threw down the gauntlet with a 2-1 win over World Cup holders Argentina in Buenos Aires.

After two successful World Cup campaigns, it looked as though the Poles had a squad capable of improving on their 1-0 third place play-off defeat of Brazil in 1978.

They won all four of their qualifying matches against East Germany and Malta with a team that was a fine blend of youth and experience.

But since then, the country has been torn apart by internal strife, and one wonders whether national team manager Antoni Piechniczek can pick up the pieces.

The Polish authorities will be anxious for their national side to

do well in Spain, but they won't forget a tour to Germany last year when three Gornik players defected.

The experience in the squad comes from skipper Marek Dziuaba and fellow defender Pawel Janas, plus strikers Grzegorz Lato and Andrzej Szarmach who play their football in Belgium and France respectively.

But the key to Poland's hopes could be midfield star Zbigniew Boniek who has just joined Italian giants Juventus from Widzew Lodz in a half-million pounds deal.

Lato, who scored seven goals in Poland's 1974 side in West Germany, is now 33 and has been forced to drop into a midfield role with Belgian club Lokoren through lack of pace.

Szarmach continues to score goals for French side Auxerre, but he might be overshadowed in Spain by new discovery Wlodzimierz Smolarek.

The 24-year-old Widzew Lodz striker scored five of Poland's 12 goals in the qualifying matches, and with Wisla Krakow's Piotr Skrobowski, he represents the best of the country's new talent.

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

GROUP ONE:

June 14 — Italy (Vigo).
June 19 — Cameroon (La Coruna).
June 22 — Peru (La Coruna).

PREVIOUS WORLD CUP FINALS

1938, 1974 (Third), 1978 (Second Round).

COLOURS

Shirts: White; Shorts: Red;
Socks: White and red.

Melvyn Beck's

A-Z WORLD CUP'82

WITH the World Cup Finals just two weeks away, we are reaching the conclusion of our fascinating A-Z dossier on the finalists.

Each week reporter Melvyn Beck has been bringing you a detailed look at the teams chasing soccer's greatest prize... highlighting their qualifying records, star players and probable squads.

This week Poland and Russia come under the microscope.

And look out for the exclusive 'Match Weekly' verdict on each team with a star rating out of five indicating each country's chances of success.

MATCH VERDICT ★ ★

AS World Cup campaigners, the Poles should never be under-estimated.

They finished third in Argentina last time and, on the way to the 1982 Finals, have shown impressive form.

But one will have to wait and see what effect, if any, the country's internal problems have had on the squad.

They certainly have a side capable of reaching the Second Round, but with players like Lato and Szarmach getting long in the tooth, their potential may not stretch any further.

● SECOND ROUND

Probable squad

PLAYER	AGE	TEAM	POSITION	CAPS
Jozef MLYNARCZYK	28	Widzew Lodz	Goalkeeper	8
Jan TOMASZEWSKI	34	Hercules (Spain)	Goalkeeper	66
Piotr MOWLIK	30	Lecch Poznan	Goalkeeper	21
Marek DZIUBA	26	LKS Lodz	Defender	42
Wladyslaw ZMUDA	27	Widzew Lodz	Defender	73
Pawel JANAS	29	Legia Warsaw	Defender	38
Jan JALOCHA	24	Wisla Krakow	Defender	8
Roman WOJICKI	24	Slask Wroclaw	Defender	10
Leszek LIPKA	23	Wisla Krakow	Defender	19
Wojciech RUDY	29	Zaglebie	Defender	38
Zbigniew BONIEK	26	Juventus (Italy)	Midfield	50
Stefan MAJEWSKI	22	Legia Warsaw	Midfield	15
Andrzej BUNCOL	22	Ruch Chorzow	Midfield	7
Piotr SKROBOWSKI	20	Wisla Krakow	Midfield	14
Waldemar MATYSIK	20	Gornik Zabrze	Midfield	6
Janusz KUPCEWICZ	26	Arka, Gdynia	Midfield	10
Grzegorz LATO	33	Lokeren (Belgium)	Striker	96
Andrzej SZARMACH	31	Auxerre (France)	Striker	59
Wlodzimierz SMOLAREK	22	Widzew Lodz	Striker	12
Andrzej IWAN	24	Wisla Krakow	Striker	19
Miroslaw OKONSKI	23	Legia Warsaw	Striker	2
Andrzej PALASZ	21	Gornik Zabrze	Striker	9



POLAND — Back row (left to right): Piotr Mowlik, Stefan Majewski, Pawel Janas, Piotr Skrobowski, Wojciech Rudy, Leszek Lipka.
Front row: Marek Dziuaba, Andrzej Iwan, Wlodzimierz Smolarek, Wlodzimierz Ciolek, Andrzej Palasz.

RUSSIA

Strong challengers

RUSSIA could challenge West Germany as Europe's main hope for the World Cup next month.

Their impressive qualifying form in a group that included Czechoslovakia and Wales indicated that they have emerged from an arid decade with all guns blazing.

After failing to reach the 1974 and 1978 Finals, they were unbeaten on the road to Spain, scoring 20 goals and conceding

only two.

Signs of this Russian revival became evident last year when Dynamo Tbilisi won the European Cup Winners' Cup.

En route to that first Russian success in Europe was an outstanding 4-1 win at West Ham in the Quarter-Finals.

It was on that night in East London that British fans saw there was far more to this new generation of Russian teams than sheer commitment and total discipline.

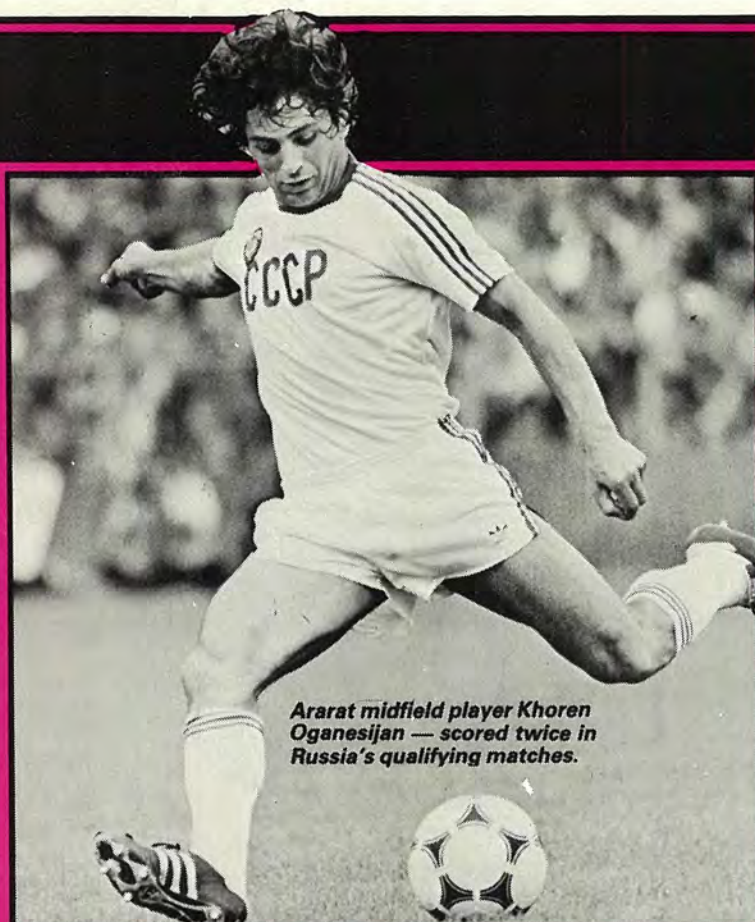
There was flair and invention too — ingredients normally alien to Iron Curtain sides — and it earned them glowing tributes from the English fans and press.

The Russians have built on that success with the backbone of their World Cup squad coming from the Georgia-based club.

The streak of improvisation to what was a rather rigid and stereotyped style should enable their World class players Oleg Blokhin, Alexander Chivadze and Remas Shengelia to reveal their full potential.

Many regard the current squad as the strongest Russia has possessed, and believe there is enough ability for them to go all the way in Spain.

But these new-found qualities



Ararat midfielder player Khoren Oganesjan — scored twice in Russia's qualifying matches.

HOW THEY GOT THERE

EUROPEAN GROUP THREE: Iceland 1, Russia 2 (Gavrilov, Andreyev) — Reykjavik, Sept. 3, 1980.

Russia 5 (Andreyev 2, Oganesjan 2, Bessonov), Iceland 0 — Moscow, Oct. 15, 1980.

Wales 0, Russia 0 — Wrexham, June 30, 1981.

Russia 4 (Chivadze, Blokhin, Shengelia, Demyanenko), Turkey 0 — Moscow, Sept. 23, 1981.

Turkey 0, Russia 3 (Blokhin 2, Shengelia) — Izmir, Oct. 7, 1981.

Russia 2 (Shengelia 2), Czechoslovakia 0 — Tbilisi, Oct. 28, 1981.

Russia 3 (Daraselia, Blokhin, Gavrilov), Wales 0 — Tbilisi, Nov. 18, 1981.

Czechoslovakia 1, Russia 1 (Blokhin) — Bratislava, Nov. 29, 1981.

LEADING SCORERS: Blokhin 5, Shengelia 4, Andreyev 3.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RUSSIA	8	6	2	0	20	2	14
Czech	8	4	2	2	15	6	10
Wales	8	4	2	2	12	7	10
Iceland	8	2	2	4	10	21	6
Turkey	8	0	0	8	1	22	0

MATCH VERDICT ★★★

WATCH out for Russia — the dark horses in the World Cup Finals.

While everyone has been closely watching the form of Brazil, West Germany and Argentina, the Russians have been quietly and efficiently preparing in their usual disciplined manner.

Although drawn in probably the strongest group with Brazil and Scotland, the Russians are capable of surviving the first phase. They could then go all the way to the last four.

● SEMI-FINALS

will face the severest of tests in the opening match against the favourites from Brazil.

Then, and only then, will the football world know whether the Russians are going to be a major force.

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

GROUP SIX:

June 14 — Brazil (Seville).

June 19 — New Zealand (Malaga).

June 22 — Scotland (Malaga).

PREVIOUS WORLD CUP FINALS

1958 (quarter-finalists), 1962 (quarter-finalists), 1966 (fourth), 1970 (quarter-finalists).

COLOURS

Shirts: Red; Shorts: White; Socks: Red.

Probable squad

PLAYER	AGE	TEAM	POSITION	CAPS
Renat DASAYEV	25	Spartak Moscow	Goalkeeper	18
Otar GABELIA	29	Dynamo Tbilisi	Goalkeeper	1
Victor CHANOV	23	Schjachtör Donezk	Goalkeeper	1
Alexander CHIVADZE	27	Dynamo Tbilisi	Defender	16
Tengiz SULAKVELIDZE	26	Dynamo Tbilisi	Defender	18
Sergei BALTACHA	24	Dynamo Kiev	Defender	9
Sergei BOROWSKI	26	Dynamo Minsk	Defender	5
Juri SUSLOPAROV	24	Torpedo Moscow	Defender	5
Anatoli DEMYANENKO	23	Dynamo Kiev	Defender	5
Alexander BUBNOV	27	Dynamo Moscow	Defender	20
Vitali DARASELIA	25	Dynamo Tbilisi	Midfield	5
Andrei BAL	24	Dynamo Kiev	Midfield	1
Leonid BURYAK	29	Dynamo Kiev	Midfield	37
Vladimir BESSONOV	24	Dynamo Kiev	Midfield	24
Khoren OGANESJAN	27	Ararat Jerevan	Midfield	12
Oleg BLOKHIN	30	Dynamo Kiev	Striker	50
Remas SHENGELIA	24	Dynamo Tbilisi	Striker	13
Juri GAVRILOV	29	Spartak Moscow	Striker	18
Sergei ANDREYEV	26	ASK Rostov	Striker	9
Vladimir GUTSAEV	30	Dynamo Tbilisi	Striker	14
Vadim YEVTUSHENKO	24	Dynamo Kiev	Striker	2



RUSSIA — Back row (left to right): Oleg Blokhin, Leonid Buryak, Yuri Susloparov, Renat Dasayev, Anatoli Demyanenko, Andrei Bal. Front row: Tengiz Sulakvelidze, Sergei Borowski, Remas Shengelia, Vitali Daraselia, Juri Gavrilov.

CUP FINAL 82

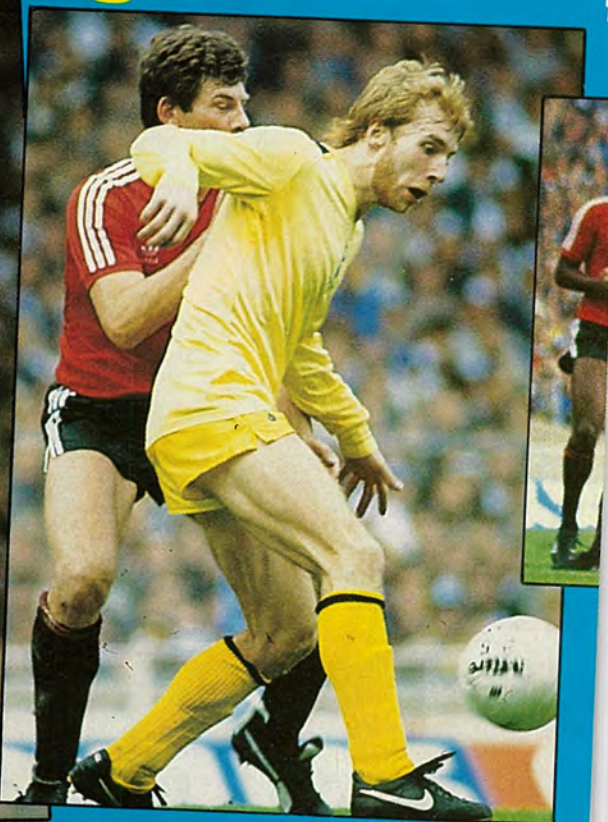
Right: The Cup boils over. Tony Currie (centre) watches as his QPR teammate Terry Fenwick falls to the ground after being whacked by Garth Crooks (11) in a moment of frustration.

Below: Spurs discovery of the season, Mike Hazard, beats fellow midfielder Gary Waddock to the ball in this aerial duel.



Above: Steve Archibald can't believe it as his best chance of the QPR's Wembley hero Peter Hucker. Terry Fenwick is the relief big Bob Hazell's turn to clear the Spurs danger as he rises high. Stainrod (10), Gary Waddock (4), Glenn Roeder, Steve Archibald the observers.

PETER HUCKER THE GOAL





The game is brilliantly saved by
ed defender. Right: This time it's
to deal with this cross. Simon
ald (Spurs) and Peter Hucker are

ER REAT!

HUCKER'S THE HERO AS
RANGERS FORCE A
REPLAY



Above: The moment when the FA Cup looked bound for
Tottenham again. Glenn Hoddle sees his shot hit the
back of the net much to the dismay of QPR's Bob Hazell
and Tony Currie.

Left: Spurs Scottish striker Steve Archibald beats off the
challenge of QPR defender Ian Gillard.

Right: Glorious Glenn! Garth Crooks, Chris Hughton and
Garry Brooke are the first to congratulate Glenn Hoddle
after he'd put Spurs ahead in extra-time.



SATURDAY'S showpiece finale to the British Championship sees Scotland take on England with Ron Greenwood's men bidding to make it three Hampden Park wins in a row.

Always an encounter that bristles with national pride, the crunch match this year takes on extra meaning, coming just two weeks before the start of the World Cup Finals.

For both countries it's their last competitive match on British soil before the business begins in earnest in Spain.

And for two Ipswich players — Paul Mariner and George Burley — it may throw up a vital chance to prove they have a part to play in those Finals . . .

Scotland v England . . .

HEAD

by PAUL MARINER

SCOTLAND have one of the best squads in the World Cup Finals.

And that's why I believe England face their biggest Hampden Park test in years.

The Scottish squad is far stronger in depth and quality to the ones that carried the flag in the 1974 and 1978 World Cup Finals.

My striking partner Alan Brazil is on top form at the moment, and John Wark is playing as well as ever and scoring spectacular goals from midfield.

There's not a lot more can be said about the ability of Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness, and in defence, I regard Allan Evans and Alan Hansen as a potentially solid central partnership.

They have the ability to surprise a few people in Spain despite being drawn in a tough group with Russia and Brazil.

I don't envy their task, but if they can get a confident start against New Zealand, then they will be a force to be reckoned with.

They certainly won't be taking New Zealand lightly remembering the disasters in Argentina when they lost to Peru and drew with Iran.

If I'm lucky enough to be selected for the Scottish game, then I shall be looking for my third successive victory at Hampden Park.

At the moment, I'm simply delighted to be included in the England squad because earlier this year I thought my chances of returning to the international arena were bleak.

After my Achilles tendon operation in Cambridge, the surgeon told me just to concentrate on getting back into the First Division.



Left: Paul Mariner — "England face their biggest Hampden test in years and I hope I'm lucky enough to play."



Right: Action from a previous British Championship clash as England's Dave Watson and Scotland's Joe Jordan fight for possession.



England's tough

He regarded an England recall as a big bonus.

Well, I've made it, and I'm hoping I can make the final squad of 22 for the Finals.

I remember the pressure I faced in my last match at Hampden two years ago.

I was vying for the centre forward spot with Garry Birtles and David Johnson, and the Press kept saying that it was my final chance to make the squad

for the European Championships in Italy.

I laid on the first goal for Trevor Brooking in the 2-0 win and I had a good game.

On the way back to Glasgow Airport for the return journey, I remember manager Ron Greenwood telling me to report for the European Championships.

That was one of the most thrilling moments of my career and it came on the tarmac at Glasgow Airport!

Steve Coppell scored the other goal that day, and he also bagged the winner two years earlier at Hampden.

He's got a habit of scoring against Scotland, and I hope he keeps it up this year.

The clash with the 'Auld Enemy' is one of the top football occasions of the year.

The build-up before the game at Hampden is tremendous. As Englishmen, you feel alone amid the Scottish passion and fervour.

And this year it takes on an extra importance with this being the last British appearance of

both the teams before the World Cup Finals.

Back on the domestic front, once again Ipswich are the bridesmaids in the First Division.

We all thought at Christmas that this would be our year, but Liverpool obviously thought otherwise.

We let too many vital points slip from our grasp away from home, and serious injuries to myself, Frans Thijssen and Terry Butcher obviously didn't help.

Deserved

But, in the end, we lost out to a remarkable run of success from a Liverpool side that thoroughly deserved to win the title.

Obviously, we are frustrated at Ipswich in finishing second again, but we still feel we are capable of winning the title.

We are one of the best sides in Europe, and will be even more determined to grab that elusive championship next season.

As manager Bobby Robson says: "We haven't the resources at Ipswich to compete with

FOR THE RECORD

HERE'S a record of previous meetings between England and Scotland over the last ten years:

- 1972: Scotland 0 England 1 (Ball).
- 1973: Scotland 0 England 5 (Lorimer o.g., Clarke 2, Channon, Chivers).
- 1973: England 1 (Peters) Scotland 0.
- 1974: Scotland 2 (Jordan, Todd o.g.) England 0.
- 1975: England 5 (Francis 2, Beattie, Bell, Johnson) Scotland 1 (Rioch pen.).
- 1976: Scotland 2 (Masson, Dalglish) England 1 (Channon).
- 1977: England 1 (Channon pen.) Scotland 2 (McQueen, Dalglish).
- 1978: Scotland 0 England 1 (Coppell).
- 1979: England 3 (Barnes, Coppell, Keegan) Scotland 1 (Wark).
- 1980: Scotland 0 England 2 (Coppell, Brooking).
- 1981: England 0 Scotland 1 (Robertson, pen.).

TO HEAD AT HAMPDEN



Surprised Burley fancies Scots

"SURPRISED" . . . That was Ipswich full-back George Burley's reaction to the news of his return to the Scotland squad for this week's British Championship finale.

After being overlooked for the last two internationals since recovering from a serious knee injury, the 25-year-old defender had virtually abandoned all hope of staking a late claim for the World Cup Finals.

But now George is back in contention during a season which started with him wondering whether he could overcome the injury that had threatened his career.

"When I wasn't included in the squads for matches against Holland and Northern Ireland, I didn't hold out

much hope of being selected," he says.

"All the time, my chances of making a bid for Spain were gradually diminishing.

"So that's why I was surprised when I was included in the squad for the matches against Wales and England because I don't think manager Jock Stein has watched me recently.

"It's up to me to show the boss what I can do and if I'm given a chance, I'll have no complaints if I don't produce the goods.

"Skipper Danny McGrain will obviously be the first choice right-back in Spain, but the first priority is to get into the squad.

"Once you're in Spain, then anything can happen. Football is a funny game, as I have found this season."

George, whose most recent of nine caps came in the 1-0 defeat in Poland exactly two years ago, spent nine months last year battling to save his career.

He underwent a serious knee operation after being injured in Ipswich Town's FA Cup Fourth Round tie at Shrewsbury in January last year.

But since returning to the First Division last November, he has proved he is back to his best.

"They were worrying months, and there were obviously times when I was concerned about my future," he says.

"But when I was on the road to recovery, all I thought about was getting a game in the reserves.

"The thought of playing for Scotland again was a long way off at that time.

"But I've had no problems with the knee since and I'm 100 per cent fit."

George would love to play against England at Hampden on Saturday.

In two matches against the English, George has finished on the losing side both times, and he's eager for some revenge.

"They outclassed us at Hampden when beating us 2-0 in 1980, but a year earlier we looked set to win at Wembley when we took the lead in the first half.

"But they grabbed an equaliser in first half injury time, that seemed to turn the tables in their favour, and they ran out 3-1 winners.

"However, I fancy we can repeat last year's win over England."

task

Liverpool and Manchester United in terms of having plenty of strength in depth to cover injuries."

But we still thought we had a semblance of a chance going into the last Saturday of the season against Nottingham Forest.

With Tottenham winning 1-0 at Liverpool at half-time and ourselves goalless with Forest, our chances seemed a little brighter.

But we blew it in the second half against Forest, and we were glad in the end that our defeat was insignificant.

We would have been sick had Liverpool lost.

● Paul Mariner was talking to Melvyn Beck.



George Burley in action for Ipswich against Mike Thomas of Brighton: "When I wasn't called-up for the matches against Holland and Northern Ireland, I didn't hold out much hope for Spain."

A FISTFUL

MY ambition to play in America sparked off controversy and a tug-of-war between two Stateside clubs.

I really fancied playing over there and, while I was at Bolton during the 1978-79 season a few sides from across the Atlantic showed an interest in me.

Manager Ian Greaves wasn't too happy about me spending the summer in America. He felt that players needed a break from football in the close season.

I've always maintained that if you've got an appetite for the game — as I have — you can play football 12 months a year and still retain your freshness.

In the end there wasn't much Ian could do to stop me going, so I verbally agreed to join Philadelphia Fury.

All the details had been fixed up over the telephone but no-one came over from Philadelphia to confirm the arrangements.

Then Dallas Tornado sent a man over to see me and I agreed to join them, believing that the other deal was off because I hadn't seen anyone from Philadelphia.

But as soon as it was made known that I was to become a Tornado player, Fury lodged a complaint and the whole affair had to go to arbitration.

I just wanted to play in America, so when it was decided that I should play for Fury, I was more than happy to comply.

My Story

FRANK WORTHINGTON



I've always been very pro-American. I love their relaxed life-style and their fantastic weather. Everything is so easy going in the States.

The whole summer was a fabulous experience for me. I loved travelling to all the great cities I'd only ever read about and playing in vast arenas that could seat anything up to 75,000 people.

The standard wasn't that high and there were some very ordinary teams in the League. Most of them would be pushed to stay in our Second Division.

Frank Worthington is telling all... and he's telling it to Match Weekly!

Sometimes funny, sometimes sad, it's always fascinating... the life-story of one of the game's greatest characters.

This week Frank tells of his American connection and the events which finally led to him leaving Bolton for Birmingham.

But the game is very strong at grass roots level and I believe the sport can only get stronger.

On the playing side, I don't believe we can learn from them, but we can pick up something from the way they sell it.

They are masters at advertising because the game is new over there and needs to be sold. While I was in Philadelphia, I appeared in a television advert encouraging people to come to the game. English clubs should consider doing that sort of thing.

In the same Fury side was my old England team-mate Alan Ball. We became great pals and had some tremendous times together.

'Ballie' is a magic professional. He's so enthusiastic and has tremendous knowledge of the game.

On the field, we didn't do too badly and reached the play-offs, only to go out to one of the favourites, Tampa Bay Rowdies.

But all good things must come to an end and when I returned to England, my career with Bolton began to turn sour. I felt that Ian Greaves was messing me about because he had me in and out of the side.

The club had financial problems and I think he could well have been preparing to sell me to raise cash.

The flashpoint came on the eve of a home game against

Manchester City. I felt he was being stubborn and silly when he named me as substitute.

The team was struggling at the foot of the First Division and I knew I should have been playing.

I told him that I'd rather play in the reserves than sit on the bench. From that point, I knew I was on my way from Burnden Park.

I regard joining Bolton as the best move of my career. It was the friendliest club I've ever played for and I never wanted to leave.

I've still got a lot of feeling for the club and it saddened me to see them struggling at the foot of the Second Division this season.

It was just a matter of weeks after the Manchester City episode that Ian called me into his office and told me that Birmingham boss Jim Smith was coming up to talk to me.

I wasn't keen on a move back to the Midlands but I realised that Ian Greaves was determined to let me go and, when he makes up his mind about something, nothing can change it.

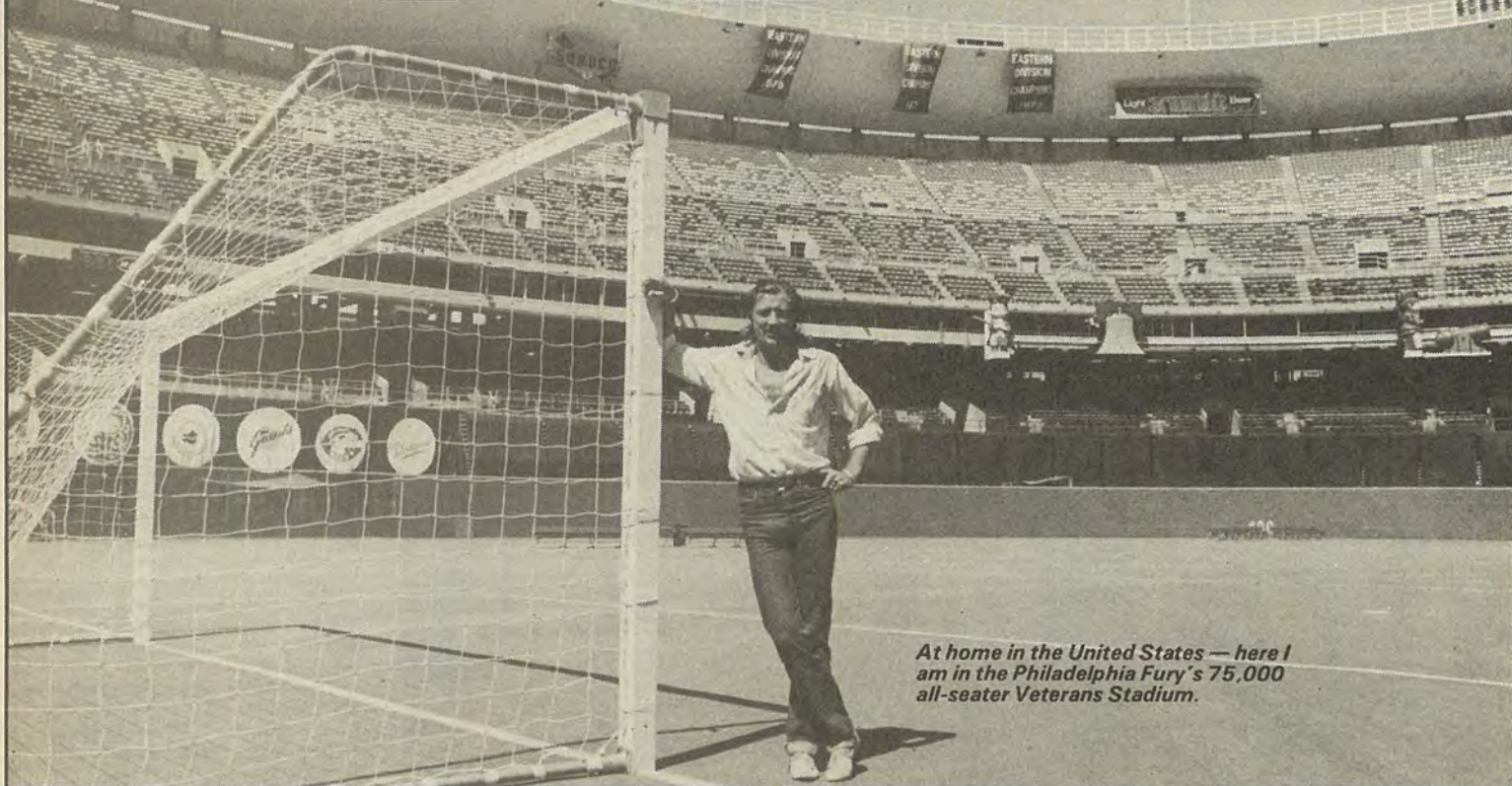
But I'm a man who likes a challenge and in many ways the task of helping 'The Blues' back into the First Division really appealed to me, so I signed for Jim Smith in a £150,000 deal.

Despite our ups and downs, first at Huddersfield and then Bolton, I've got an enormous liking for Ian



On my first day at St. Andrews with new team-mate Tony Towers.

OF DOLLARS



At home in the United States — here I am in the Philadelphia Fury's 75,000 all-seater Veterans Stadium.

Greaves. He's a man's man and I respect him.

My debut for Birmingham was immediately forgettable. I had an awful game against my old team Leicester, who had dropped into the Second Division after I left.

It's a funny thing, but since leaving Filbert Street I've never had a good game against them. On this occasion, we lost 2-1 at St. Andrews.

Jim Smith was a great believer in playing good football and he brought some tremendously gifted players to the club — Archie Gemmill, Willie Johnstone and Colin Todd to name just three.

I rate Colin as the best defender I've ever played with — he likes to play with the ball and create openings.

Despite the skill which ran through the Birmingham

team, we had to make sacrifices in an attempt to get back into the First Division. We sacrificed ability for graft.

Instead of trying to please the fans as we would have liked to, we had to knock a lot of long balls up front to keep the pressure on our opponents.

In terms of goals, Birmingham's promotion year of 1979-80 was my worst ever. I only netted five times in 17 League appearances. But I wasn't unduly worried because I was creating a few for my fellow striker Keith Bertschin.

It's great to see that Keith will be back in the First Division with Norwich this season. He's a useful player.

Although the highlight of the season was gaining promotion in our final game against Notts County, the whole occasion was clouded

for me.

Jim Smith decided to play safe because a draw would be enough. So he made me sit the match out on the substitute's bench and played Eire international Don Givens in my place.

I totally disagreed with his thinking and I'm certain that if he had played me, we would have won instead of drawing 3-3 and sneaking back into the First Division on goal average.

But I was delighted that we'd won promotion because the Birmingham fans deserved some success. They are a great set of supporters and they don't usually get than much to cheer about.

So with the prospect of playing First Division football next season, I spent the summer in Sweden, playing for Mjallby. They were a bit of a Cinderella side and had

jumped from the Fourth to First Division in almost consecutive seasons and needed an experienced player to establish themselves.

I played 12 games over there and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was half work, half holiday.

I had no plans to return to America because with 'The Blues' back in the First Division, manager Jim Smith didn't want me over there when the season restarted.

I'll tell you more about life at St. Andrews next week.

● Frank Worthington was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



Who is he?

THE England team picture — published in my life-story two weeks ago — really had you guessing.

The 'Match Weekly' telephone lines were buzzing with readers asking the identity of the player circled.

Well, do you know who he is? We'll give £5 to the first correct entry pulled out of our postbag. All entries must reach us by Friday, June 4 and results will be announced in our June 19 issue. Send your entries to: Mystery Man Competition, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton Court, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

KEITH WHISTLES UP PROMOTION!

Top striker Keith Bertschin reveals the secret behind Norwich City's successful promotion bid!

★★★★★★

MARTIN O'Neill's arrival at Carrow Road is generally regarded as the turning point in Norwich City's amazing return to the First Division.

But their leading scorer Keith Bertschin believes that his 'lucky' suit and shirt also played a part in The Canaries' flight back to the top level.

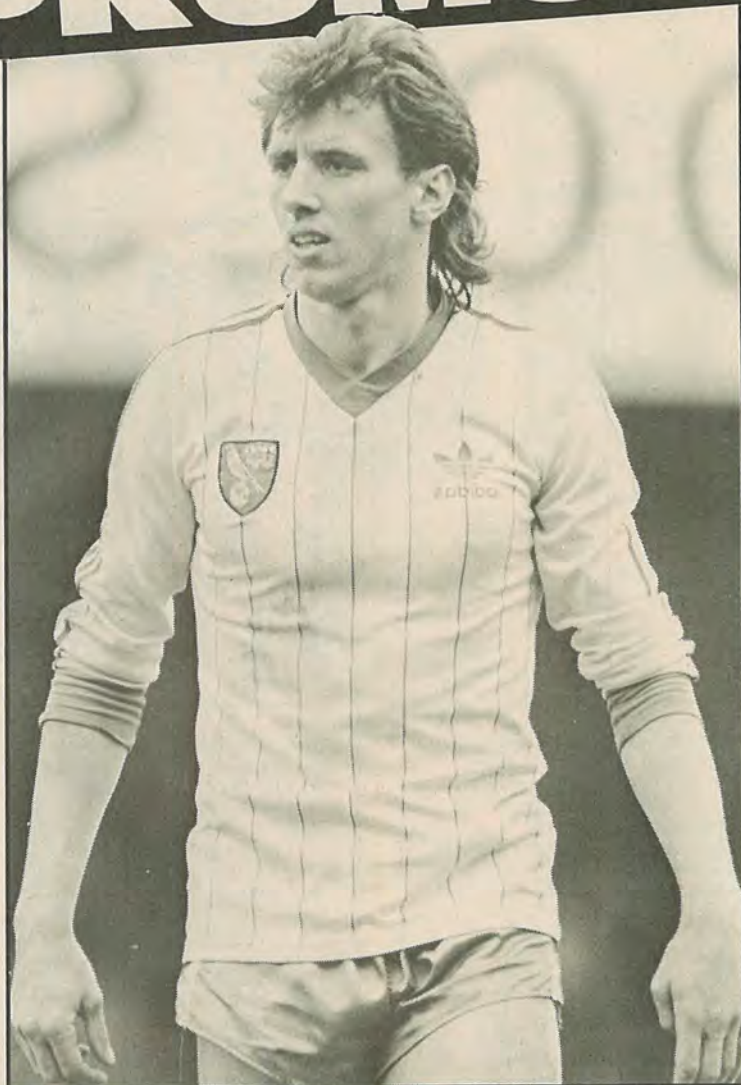
For the final two and a half months of the season, Keith wore the same suit and shirt on match days as Norwich built up a promotion-winning run of 11 wins from their last 14 games.

"I must have looked the shabbiest dresser at Carrow Road because I refused to have the suit cleaned or pressed. Towards the end of the season, it was beginning to look a bit ropery," admits Keith.

"When I was at Birmingham, one of the lads wore one suit during our run-in to promotion. I did the same at Norwich and it worked.

"It's been a funny season for myself and the club. Around Christmas time, we were too close to the relegation zone and the fans were getting on my back.

"It took the team some time to get tuned to life in the Second Division. It's more physical and you've got to work harder. We were only showing our true battling qualities when we were about 3-0 down — and then it was too late.



"I was playing alongside some youngsters and felt duty-bound to lead the line and take the responsibility. As a result, I worried about too many other things and my form suffered.

"The arrival of fellow striker John Deehan from West Brom

and Martin from Manchester City were, without doubt, the turning points for us.

"John and I had been close friends when we were in the Midlands together and he stayed with me for a couple of weeks while he looked for a house. That helped us form an understanding together.

"The partnership took off almost immediately and my form improved," says Keith, who scored in all of City's last five games of the season.

"I believe I'm a better player for having played alongside John and I hope he's learnt something from me.

"The most important thing about the arrival of Martin O'Neill was his absolute belief that we'd get promoted.

"Heads were sagging a little when he joined the club, but his insistence that we could still go up did wonders for our confidence.

Left: Keith Bertschin — now the season is over, he can get his 'lucky' suit cleaned!

★★★★★★

"He used to come to the training ground in the morning armed with League tables and a fixture list and work out how many points we needed, how many we could afford to drop and who we had to play. He convinced us promotion was on.

"Martin and John were the missing cogs in the team," adds Keith, who joined Norwich from Birmingham in the close season for £200,000.

"Two other players in the team also deserve special mention for their performances last season. They are central defender Dave Watson and skipper Mick McGuire.

"Dave has been the mainstay of the defence this season, while Mick has worked extremely hard in midfield. Since Martin's arrival, Mick hasn't had the credit he deserves.

"It's great to be back in the First Division. It's the only place to be. I can't wait to play at the Liverpools and Manchester Uniteds of this world again.

"Having said that, I must admit that I didn't miss the First Division as much as I thought I would. I felt there was a job to be done at Norwich and I just put my whole heart into it. I didn't have time to think about what I was missing.

"I get the same kick from scoring a goal no matter which division of the Football League I'm playing in."

Just a few days after clinching promotion for the East Anglian side, Keith jetted off to America where he joined Noel Cantwell's Jacksonville Teamen.

"I was due to go a couple of months ago, but as our promotion push unfolded, I had to keep putting the move off.

"The offer to play in America for the summer came as a complete shock. I had no ambition to go out there.

"Noel Cantwell came to Norwich to watch a couple of the other lads but, after seeing me, he decided he wanted me in his side.

"But there's no chance of me staying there permanently. I'm looking forward to the First Division with Norwich next season."

Norwich's promotion run-in

Mar. 13: Watford (h) 4-2 (O'Neill, Watson, Deehan pen, Bertschin)

Mar. 16: Orient (a) 1-1 (Jack)

Mar. 20: Bolton (a) 0-1

Mar. 27: Cardiff (h) 2-1 (Jack, Bertschin)

Apr. 3: Cambridge (a) 2-1 (Mendham, Deehan)

Apr. 10: Charlton (h) 5-0 (Deehan 3, Jack, O'Neill)

Apr. 12: Luton (a) 0-2

Apr. 17: Derby (a) 2-0 (O'Neill, Bennett)

Apr. 20: Shrewsbury (a) 2-0 (Deehan, Mendham)

Apr. 24: Blackburn (h) 2-0 (Bertschin, McGuire)

May 1: Leicester (a) 4-1 (Deehan, Barham, Bertschin, og)

May 5: Grimsby (h) 2-1 (Deehan, Bertschin)

May 8: Orient (h) 2-0 (Bertschin pen, Bennett)

May 15: Sheff. Wed. (a) 1-2 (Bertschin)

● City's score first in each case.

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PLAYER RATINGS

- 10 Out of this world
9 Outstanding
8 Excellent
7 Good
6 Adequate
5 Off form
4 Poor

MATCH RATINGS

- ★★★★★ A classic
★★★★★ Good value
★★★★ Satisfactory
★★★ Dull
★ A waste of money

Monday, May 17
Division One

IPSWICH (1) 2 (Mills 35, Brazil 69)
TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Crooks 74)
Att: 20,764
Ipswich: Sivell 6, ★**BURLEY 9**, McCall 7, Mills 6, Osman 7, Butcher 6, Wark 7, Muhren 7, Mariner 7, Brazil 8, O'Callaghan 7.
Spurs: Parks 5, Hughton 6, Miller 6, Roberts 7, Hazard 7, Perryman 6, ★**BROOKE 8**, Archibald 6, Villa 6, Hoddle 7 (sub. Price 6), Crooks 6.
Referee: P. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Two

CARDIFF (0) 2 (Kitchen 85, Micallef 88)
LUTON (1) 3 (Stein 22, 80, Donaghy 72)
Att: 10,277
Cardiff: Healey 7, Jones 7, Henderson 6, Pontin 7, Micallef 8, Mullen 6, Grapes 8 (sub. Kitchen 7), Gilbert 6, Bennett, G 8, Stevens 7, ★**BENNETT, D 9**.
Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, Money 7, Horton 7, Goodyear 7, Donaghy 8, Hill 8, ★**STEIN 9**, White 8, Antic 6, Moss 8 (sub. Small).
Referee: A. Robinson (Waterlooville)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Tuesday, May 18
Division One

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (0) 0
Att: 17,431
Middlesbrough: ★**PLATT 8**, Craggs 6, Bailey 6, McAndrew 7, Baxter 7, Bolton 6, Thomson 6 (sub. Ashcroft 6), Otto 6, Hodgson 6, MacDonald 7, Thomas 7.
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 6, Lawrenson 6, Kennedy 7, Johnston 6, Thompson 6, ★**DALGLISH 8**, Lee 7, Rush 7, Hansen 6, Souness 7.
Referee: J. Key (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST BROM (0) 2 (Regis 50, Mackenzie 86)
LEEDS (0) 0
Att: 23,118
West Brom: Godden 7, Batson 7, Statham 7, Bennett 8, Wile 6, Webb 7, Cowdrill 6, Brown 6, Regis 6, Owen 8, ★**MACKENZIE 9**.
Leeds: Lukic 6, Hird 7, Burns 5, Thomas 6, ★**HART 8**, Cherry 7, Gray, E 7, Graham 7, Hamson 6 (sub. Gray, F 7), Connor 6, Barnes 6.
Referee: A. W. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

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England winger Tony Morley signed off the League season with the opening goal in Aston Villa's 3-0 win over Swansea.

Division Two

ORIENT (2) 3 (Godfrey 2, Silkman 11, McNeil 80)
LEICESTER (0) 0
Att: 2,107
Orient: Day 7, Foster 8, Peach 6, Cornwell 6, Gray 7, Blackhall 6, ★**GODFREY 9**, Vincent 6, Houchen 7, McNeil 7, Silkman 7.
Leicester: Wallington 5, Welsh 5, Friar 4, Peake 5, Leet 5, ★**O'NEILL 7**, Lynex 6, Melrose 6, Young 6, Wilson 5 (sub. Buchanan 5), MacDonald 6.
Referee: M. L. James (Sussex)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Three

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Young 48)
CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Carroll 43)
Att: 18,655
Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 6, Wharton 6, Cassidy 6, Dixon 6, Holt 6, Dobson 6, ★**STEVEN 8**, Hamilton 7, McGee 7, Young 6.
Chesterfield: Turner 6, Bellamy 6, O'Neill 6, Wilson 7, Green 7, Pollard 6, Windridge 7, Henderson 6, ★**BONNYMAN 8**, Athersych 6, Carroll 6.
Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★★

DONCASTER (2) 2 (Snodin, G 7, 22)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 2 (Thompson 81, 85)
Att: 4,252
Doncaster: Humphries, S 6, Allinson 6 (sub. Douglas 6), Russell 7, Lister 7, Humphries, G 6, Wigginton 7, Pugh 6, Liddell 7, Mell 6, ★**SNODIN, G 8**, Little 7.
Bristol City: Shaw 7, Stevens 6, Down 6, Musker 6, Boyle 6, Hay 6, Economou 7, Bray 6 (sub. Thompson 7), ★**CHANDLER 8**, Newman 7, Smith 6.
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★★

FULHAM (0) 1 (Brown 58)
LINCOLN (0) 1 (Carr 71)
Att: 20,398
Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 5, Strong 6 (sub. Tempest 6), O'Driscoll 7, Brown 8, ★**GALE 9**, Davies 7, Wilson 7, Coney 8, O'Sullivan 7, Lewington 7.
Lincoln: Felgate 7, Carr 6, Neale 6, Cockerill 7, Peake 7, Thompson 6, Shipley 7, Turner 7, Hobson 7, ★**CUNNINGHAM 8**, Hibberd 6 (sub. Gilbert 6).
Referee: E. A. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Thompson (Lincoln)

GILLINGHAM (0) 2 (Sharpe 49, Lee 59)
READING (1) 1 (Kearney 18)
Att: 3,920
Gillingham: ★**HILLYARD 8**, Sharpe 7, Adams 6, Bruce 6, Shaw 6, Sittin 7, Powell 7 (sub. Miller 6), Tydeman 7, Lee 7, Cascarino 7, Grewcock 7.
Reading: Fearon 7, Williams 6, Lewis 6, Webb 7, Hicks 7, Wood 6, Beavon 7, Kearney 7, ★**DIXON 8**, Earles 6, Donnellan 6.
Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

NEWPORT (0) 1 (Tynan, pen 81)
SWINDON (0) 0
Att: 5,906
Newport: ★**KENDALL 8**, Walden 7, Relish 7, Davies 6, Oakes 6, Johnson 6, Vaughan 6, Lowndes 7, Tynan 7, Aldridge 6 (sub. Bailey 6), Elsey 7.
Swindon: Allan 6, Henry 6, Williams 7, Emmanuel 7, Lewis 6, Stroud 6, Hughes 6, Carter 5, ★**RIDEOUT 8**, Rowland 6, Pritchard 7.
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

WIMBLEDON (1) 3 (Morris 26, Joseph 71, Leslie 85)
PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Hemmerman 34, Doyle, pen 77)
Att: 2,642
Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Leslie 7, Thomas 6, Brown 7, ★**MORRIS 8**, Downes 7, Ketteridge 6, Joseph 7, Hodges 6 (sub. Elliott 6), Evans 6, Gage 6.
Portsmouth: Knight 7, McLaughlin 6, Sullivan 6, Doyle 6, Ellis 7, Viney 7, ★**HEMMERMAN 8**, Crown 7, Rafferty 7, Berry 6, Rogers 6.
Referee: L. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

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Division Four

DARLINGTON (0) 1 (McLean, pen 57)
TORQUAY (0) 1 (Jones, pen 75)
 Att: 1,283
Darlington: Cuff 7, Kamara 5, Liddle 6, Smith 6, ***SKIPPER** 8, Speedie 7, McFadden 5, McLean 6, Stalker 5, Wicks 5, Walsh 6.
Torquay: O'Keefe 7, Jones 6, Wheeldon 5, Brown 7, Lawrence 7, Smith 5, Sermann 5, Cox 7, Cooper 6, ***RIOCH** 8, Keeley 6.
Referee: T. Fitzharris (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

BURY (0) 0
BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Noble 14)
 Att: 2,041
Bury: Platt 6, Bradley 5 (sub. Cutler), Hilton, P 6, Howard 6, Kennedy 6, ***GORE** 7, Cruickshank 5, Jakub 6, Butler 5, Hilton, M 5, Madden 6.
Blackpool: ***HESFORD** 8, Hart 6, Greenall 7, Beardsley 6, Butler 6, Deary 6, Simmonite 7, Noble 7, Pashley 6, Stewart 6, McAvoy 6.
Referee: M. J. Heath (Stoke)
Match Rating: ★★

Wednesday, May 19

Division Three

CHESTER (0) 0
CARLISLE (1) 1 (Robson 36)
 Att: 2,535
Chester: Millington 6, ***DEAN** 8, Raynor 6, Cottam 6, Zelem 7, Ludlam 7, Phillips 6 (sub. Simpson 7), Blackwell 6, Allen 7, Jones 6, Henderson 6.
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 6, Rushbury 6, Larkin 6, Ashurst 6, ***CRAIG** 8, Coughlin 7, Houghton 6, Robson 7, Bannon 7 (sub. Ritchie 6), Staniforth 7.
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★

Thursday, May 20

Division One

STOKE (2) 3 (Watson 26, Chapman 39, O'Callaghan 75)
WEST BROM (0) 0
 Att: 19,698
Stoke: McManus 7, Dodd 7, Parkin 7, Griffiths 8, Watson 7, ***SMITH** 9, McIlroy 7, O'Callaghan 7, Chapman 7, Bracewell 8, Maguire 7 (sub. Ford).
West Brom: Godden 6, Batson 7, Statham 7, Bennett 6, Wile 7, Webb 6 (sub. Cowdrill 6), Mackenzie 6, ***JOL** 8, Cross 6, Owen 6, Brown 6.
Referee: P. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★★

Friday, May 21

Division One

ASTON VILLA (2) 3 (Morley 36, Bremner 44, Withe 63)
SWANSEA (0) 0
 Att: 18,294
Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Swain 7, Williams 6, Evans 7, McNaught 6, Mortimer 7, Bremner 7, Geddis 6, ***WITHE** 9, Cowans 7, Morley 7.
Swansea: ***SANDER** 8, Robinson 6, Richards 6, Lewis 6, Irwin 6 (sub. Gale 6), Rajkovic 6, Loveridge 7, James, R 5, Mahoney 5, Stevenson 6, Latchford 6.
Referee: M. Dimblebee (Stevenage)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Doyle, pen 28, pen 80)
MILLWALL (0) 2 (Massey 68, Chatterton, pen 76)
 Att: 4,902
Portsmouth: ***KNIGHT** 8, Ellis 6, Sullivan 6, Doyle 7, Tait 6, Viney 6, Hemmerman 7, Crown 6, Senior 6, Berry 6, Rogers 6.
Millwall: Gleasure 6, Chatterton 7, Robinson 6, Massey 7, Allardye 6, Roberts 6, Shinton 6, ***NEAL** 8, Horrix 7, Martin 6, West 6.
Referee: R. J. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, May 22

FA Cup Final

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Hodde 109)
QPR (0) 1 (Fenwick 115)
(After Extra Time)
 Att: 100,000 (at Wembley)
 Receipts: £918,000 (record)
Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 6, Miller 6, Price 7, Hazard 6 (sub. Brooke), Perryman 7, Roberts 6, Archibald 7, Galvin 6, ***HODDLE** 8, Crooks 7.
QPR: ***HUCKER** 9, Fenwick 7, Gillard 6, Waddock 8, Hazell 7, Roeder 7, Currie 6, Flanagan 6, Allen 5 (sub. Micklewhite 6), Stainrod 6, Gregory 6.
Referee: C. B. White (Harrow)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH FA Cup Final

ABERDEEN (1) 4 (McLeish 33, McGhee 92, Strachan 103, Cooper 110)
RANGERS (1) 1 (MacDonald 15)
 Att: 53,788 (at Hampden Park)
Aberdeen: Leighton 8, Kennedy 6, McLeish 8, Miller 7, Rougvie 7, ***STRACHAN** 9, Simpson 6, Cooper 7, McMaster 6 (sub. Ball 7), McGhee 8, Hewitt 6 (sub. Black 7).
Rangers: Stewart 6, Jardine 6 (sub. McAdam 7), ***McCLELLAND** 9, Jackson 8, Dawson 6, Russell 7, Bett 6, Miller 6, Cooper 8, Dalziel 6 (sub. McLean 6), MacDonald 6.
Referee: B. McGinley (Balfour)
Match Rating: ★★

MATCH WINNERS

TEN lucky readers have each won a copy of the official 'England World Cup 82' book after our May 8 'Spot the Ball' competition.

The winners are: Wayne Beales, Eye, Suffolk; Shaun Burch, Wickford, Essex; Ian Humphreys, Cheetham, Manchester; Craig Nicholson, Nethy Bridge, Inverness-shire; Philip Saunders, Tredegar, Gwent; Daniel Lear, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs; Mark Steward, Taverham, Norfolk; Martin Webb, Mexborough, Yorks; Richard Bradley, Hemel Hempstead, Herts; Clifford Ward, Richmond, Surrey.

HERE are the 25 winners of our World Cup Wallchart competition which appeared in the same May 8 issue.

The winners are: Simon Harrison, Witney, Oxon; Alan J. Russell, Salisbury, Wilts; Andrew Dean, Farnborough, Hants; Mike Laney, Portishead, Bristol; Justin Hemmings, Weymouth, Dorset; Shaun Galloway, Brighton, Sussex; Gary Austin, Croyley Green, Herts; Stephen Poxon, Morecambe, Lancs; Stephen Iley, Lostock, Bolton; Jane Broadbent, Meltham, Huddersfield; James McPhail, Edinburgh; Lorraine Brown, Livingston, West Lothian; Gary Raine, Penrith, Cumbria; James Mulleney, Beeston, Leeds; Gordon O'Dell, Alcester, Warks; Andrew Carter, Plaistow, London; Stephen Groome, Bridgnorth, Shrops; Paul Muggleston, Rothley, Leics; Chris Bowen, North Lynn, Norfolk; Mark Matthias, Wrexham, Clwyd; Joey Burns, Winsford, Cheshire; S. Stockwell, Andover, Hants; Kevin Studholme, WallSEND, Tyne & Wear; Chris Walters, Roby, Liverpool; and Alvan Mackinnon, Hitchin, Herts.



Dave Watson helped save Stoke from relegation to the Second Division with the opening goal in their vital 3-0 win over West Brom.

LEADING SCORERS

(League, Cups, Total)

Division One

Keegan (Southampton)	26	2	28
Rush (Liverpool)	17	11	28
Brazil (Ipswich)	22	6	28
Regis (West Brom)	17	8	25
Harford (Birmingham)	20	3	23
(14 with Bristol City)			
Cassells (Southampton)	12	11	23
(21 with Oxford)			
Wark (Ipswich)	18	4	22
Worthington (Leeds)	18	2	20
(11 with Birmingham)			
Cross (West Ham)	16	3	19
Hateley (Coventry)	13	5	18

Division Two

Moore (Rotherham)	22	2	24
Stainrod (QPR)	17	7	24
Bannister (Sheff. Wed)	21	1	22
Blissett (Watford)	19	3	22
Allen (QPR)	12	8	20
Stein (Luton)	20	0	20
Houchen (Orient)	19	1	20
(19 with Hartlepool)			
Varadi (Newcastle)	18	2	20
White (Luton)	18	1	19
Atkins (Shrewsbury)	17	2	19

Division Three

Davies (Fulham)	24	1	25
Kellow (Exeter)	21	1	22
Phillips (Southend)	20	2	22
(12 with Northampton)			
Coney (Fulham)	13	6	19
Rafferty (Portsmouth)	17	2	19
Bruce (Preston)	18	1	19
Thomas (Oxford)	14	4	18
Sims (Plymouth)	18	0	18

Division Four

Madden (Bury)	35	7	42
Edwards (Sheff Utd)	36	1	37
(1 with Hull)			
Cooke (Peterborough)	24	4	28
Mutrie (Hull)	27	1	28
Campbell (Bradford)	24	3	27
Allinson (Colchester)	21	5	26
Bremner (Colchester)	22	3	25
Walwyn (York)	23	2	25
Davison (Halifax)	19	1	20
Bradd (Wigan)	19	1	20

SCOTTISH Premier Division

McCluskey (Celtic)	21	3	24
Sturrock (Dundee Utd)	14	8	22
MacDonald (Rangers)	14	7	21
Dodds (Dundee Utd)	14	5	19
Bannon (Dundee Utd)	12	6	18
Clark (Airdrie)	15	2	17
McAvennie (St Mirren)	13	4	17

First Division

Millar (Clydebank)	20	4	24
Frye (Ayr)	13	8	21
Cleland (Motherwell)	20	1	21
McLaughlin (Motherwell)	18	2	20
Bourke (Kilmarnock)	14	5	19

Second Division

Forrest (Cowdenbeath)	16	8	24
Robb (Arbroath)	19	5	24
Masterton (Clyde)	22	1	23
Campbell (Brechin)	17	5	22
Lawson (Berwick)	16	5	21
Jobson (Meadowbank)	14	6	20

Cut out and keep



Germans in for Spanish surprise

SPANISH goalkeeper Luis Arconada admits that West Germany would beat Spain "most times out of ten."

But if the two countries meet in the Semi-Finals in Seville, Arconada fancies the home team to win.

"In a one-off game in front of our own fans I think we could beat them," he says.

Spain's chances of lifting the World Cup were hardly boosted by their form in their final warm-up against Switzerland.

While they won 2-0 in Valencia they were unimpressive. Both goals came from defenders Tendillo and Alescano in the first half.

There was joy, however, for four of Spain's top stars when Real Sociedad won the Spanish League Championship for the second consecutive year by beating Athletic Bilbao on the last day of the season.

Goalkeeper Arconada, midfielder Jesus Zamora, centre-forward Satrustegui and winger Lopez-Ufarte all played vital roles.

Shaky Russia

RUSSIA, one of the best outsiders for the World Cup next month, failed to impress their own fans against East Germany.

They struggled to a 1-0 victory in Moscow with a goal from Dynamo Tbilisi star Ramaz Shengelia.

But, despite the unimpressive performance, the Russians have certainly been doing their homework and preparations. Altogether they have played 15 special warm-up games for the tournament in Europe and South America.

But manager Kostantin Beskov is playing it all very cautiously: "So far not all our players are up to the demands posed by modern football. They need to be a lot more versatile."

Luis Arconada — believes Spain can topple West Germany if they meet.

COLOMBIA are once more favourites to stage the 1986 World Cup following moves by their Government. They cabled FIFA in Zurich to confirm they would back the tournament, financed by a private enterprise group.

ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO...

● **THE French FA have declared their confidence in manager Michel Hidalgo by offering him a new contract.**

He will be staying on until after the 1984 European Championship Finals which are being staged in France.

Bubbling Brazil

BRAZIL and Argentina, two of the World Cup favourites, continued their preparations with home victories over European opposition.

Brazil defeated Portugal 3-1 with goals by Zico (penalty), Junior and Eder, while holders Argentina collected narrow successes over Bulgaria and Rumania.

Skipper Daniel Passerella and Ramon Diaz were on target in the 2-1 defeat of Bulgaria which was their first win in eight matches.

Diaz also got the winner against Rumania in Argentina's farewell performance before their defence of the trophy.

● **NEW Zealand, who face Scotland in their opening World Cup match in Spain, finished unbeaten in a three-game warm-up programme against the League of Ireland.**

Grant Turner and Wynton Rufer scored the goals in the 1-0 victories in Auckland and Rotorua, but the final match ended in a goalless draw.

Czech keyed up for Finals

CZECH star Antonin Panenka, one of the world's top dead ball specialists, is aiming to be deadlier than ever next month, which is bad news for England who are in the same group.

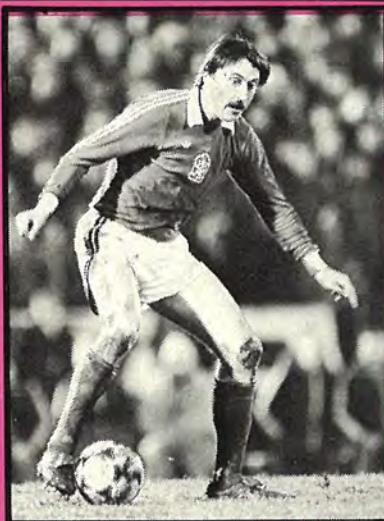
He has been putting in hours and hours of extra training in Vienna where he plays for club side Rapid, but the benefits of it all are more likely to belong to Czechoslovakia in the Finals.

"Just practice and more practice is necessary. It is like being a pianist. I need it all the time and it is very noticeable if I miss a couple of days," he says.

Home teams

ONLY four of the 24 finalists in the World Cup Finals will be appearing without any foreign-based players in their squad.

The four are expected to be Italy, Spain, Kuwait and Russia who have drawn all their squad from the confines of their own internal competitions.



Antonin Panenka — free kick threat to England.

WORLD CUP

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Scrapbook

Spanish block Honduras star

HONDURAS, who are one of Northern Ireland's opponents in the First Round, could be without star defender Gilberto for the Finals.

The Central Americans are having difficulty in obtaining his release from Spanish club Real Valladolid.

The Spanish side want compensation and insurance terms for the defender who is rated as one of the top foreign players in the country, but so far the Honduras FA have been unable to meet the demands.

Clive's whistle-stop tour

FORTY-one referees have been lined up for the Finals – the only Englishman set to make the trip being Clive White of Harrow.

Most of the referees are from Europe although there are one or two from elsewhere — including one from Australia.

They will all meet up in Spain a week before the Finals begin.

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Oleg Blokhin

RUSSIA'S ROCKET MAN

OLEG Blokhin was born to set soccer alight.

He came into the world on Guy Fawkes' Day and now he's producing the fireworks.

He's as fast as a rocket, too!

His speed off the mark earned him the nickname of the 'Ukrainian Gazelle' when he played for the Soviet Union in the 1972 Olympics.

And despite his 29 years, he's as quick as ever and scoring goals freely — striking with gay abandon for both his club, Dynamo Kiev, and his country.

Experts have tipped the Soviet Union as good outsiders for the World Cup this summer.

And one of the main reasons for that has been the return to top form of Blokhin — 'European Footballer of the Year' in 1975.

After hitting the heights seven years ago, he faded out of the picture.

But the blond winger, famous for his fast dribbling, devastating pace and thunderous left foot shot, has re-emerged as good as ever.

Certainly, he's going to be one of the deadliest strikers on view in Spain and Blokhin himself says:

"I think I am a better player now at 29 than I was when we won the European Cup Winners' Cup and I was European Footballer of the Year. I'm more mature and I use my skills more for the team.

"Mind you, I've still got weaknesses — my heading, for example. But now I am working hard and it is my dream come true to play in these World Cup Finals after we failed in 1974 and 1978."

Born in Kiev, Blokhin's mother was an 80-metres hurdles champion so his athleticism runs in the family.

But soccer wasn't his first love...

He says: "When I was a boy, I concentrated on athletics and swimming before football. I didn't have any boots until I was about nine or ten. I still play lots of different sports like basketball, tennis, and volleyball.

"When people ask me if I would prefer to play football in the West for big money, I say no. I prefer it for fun. It is an honour to play in Spain and I hope we do well as a team."

Blokhin is a teacher of physical education and theoretically an amateur footballer... but he has a fantastic record.

He has scored more League and international goals than any other player in Soviet football history and his six goals in the qualifiers put him top of their scoring list.

The Soviet club scoring record had stood for 25 years before Blokhin broke it, and what makes his all-round excellence more surprising is that he has not always agreed with the authorities in Soviet soccer along the way.

But while he has had his rows, he has survived to make 50 appearances for the national team.

SAVIOUR SAMMY

Sammy McIlroy (Northern Ireland) v Scotland, British Championship, Windsor Park, Belfast, Wed, April 28, 1982.

STOKE'S Sammy McIlroy injected a dose of World Cup confidence into Northern Ireland's veins with a brilliant point-saving goal against fellow Spanish travellers Scotland.

After crushing 4-0 defeats in England and France, the Irish desperately needed a morale-boosting result against the Scots in front of their own passionate fans in Belfast.

And they got it by courtesy of Sammy's 53rd minute goal which cancelled out John Wark's scrambled effort for Scotland in the first half.

Luton's Mal Donaghy and Blackburn's Noel Brotherston paved the way for Sammy to open Ireland's points account in their defence of the British Championship.

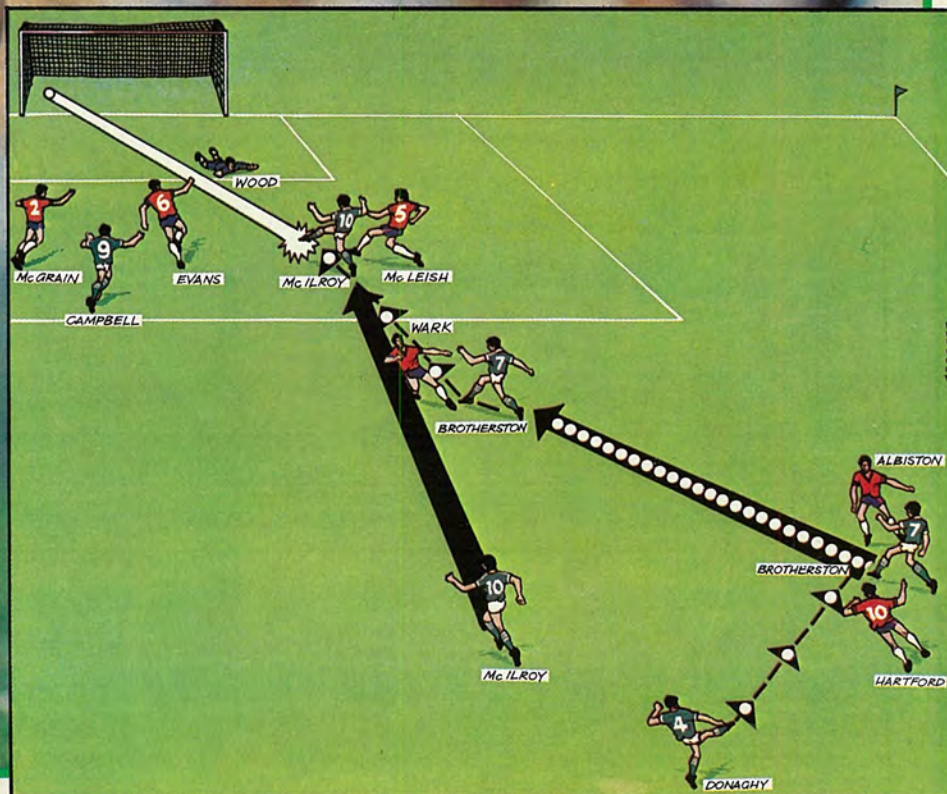
Donaghy's burst from the back set the tricky Brotherston in motion on the right touchline.

He burst inside the unsuspecting Asa Hartford and new cap Arthur Albiston to spreadeagle the Scottish defence.

Sammy timed his run to perfection, took Brotherston's astute pass in his stride, and calmly slotted the ball past Wood before Allan Evans and Alex McLeish could close down the space.

It brought the Irish fans to their feet in a match that provided them with their last glimpse of the side before the World Cup battle in Spain next month.

GOLDEN GOAL



Hero Harford banishes the relegation blues

Mick Harford in full flight after scoring for Birmingham: "I doubt I'll ever score a more crucial goal than the one which kept us in the First Division."

UPS

RON Saunders' transfer deadline day gamble on striker Mick Harford has kept Birmingham in the First Division.

The 'Blues' boss paid out £110,000 in a complicated three-club tangle involving Bristol City and Newcastle to take the young Georgie to the Midlands.

And the deal has proved inspired because Mick celebrated his ninth goal in 13 games at Coventry to make sure of First Division football at St Andrews next season.

"I still can't believe that I scored the goal which kept Birmingham in the top flight," says Mick.

"It was the most important goal of my career. I doubt I'll ever score a more crucial one."

Mick's header came four minutes from the end of Birmingham's season and was enough to beat the Highfield Road side and send the visiting fans crazy.

"You'd have thought we had just won promotion the way the fans celebrated — the atmosphere was terrific. The goal came after a magic cross from substitute Ian Handysides and I beat Paul Dyson — for the only time in the game — to head past Les Sealey.

"The goal was the icing on the cake after a terrific start at Birmingham. I couldn't have asked for a better introduction to the First Division," says Mick, who scored on his debut against Brighton.

"It's always important to make a good impression when you join a new club. To score twice in as many games gave me just the confidence I needed.

"I've also struck up a useful partnership with Tony Evans. He's a nippy skilful player who's set many chances up for me. After a

lean goalscoring spell, it was great to see him hit goals against Notts County and Leeds."

Even though Birmingham have been involved in the dogfight to avoid relegation since Mick joined the club from Bristol City, he's enjoyed every minute of life in the First Division.

"I've been enjoying myself so much that I just can't wait for the next game to come round. I love the big-time.

"It's such a thrill to be playing in front of packed houses at places like Anfield and White Hart Lane. When I was with Bristol, only a few thousand used to come and watch us."

The last 15 months has seen Mick play in every division of the Football League. He started his career with Lincoln before joining Newcastle in December 1980 for £180,000 and then moved to Bristol after making just 19 League appearances for the North East club.

"I've moved around so much that I still haven't sold my house in Newcastle," says the 23-year-old goal-getter: "I hope my wandering days are over!"

Mick gives the credit for Birmingham's First Division safety to manager Ron Saunders, who joined the club after quitting League champions Aston Villa.

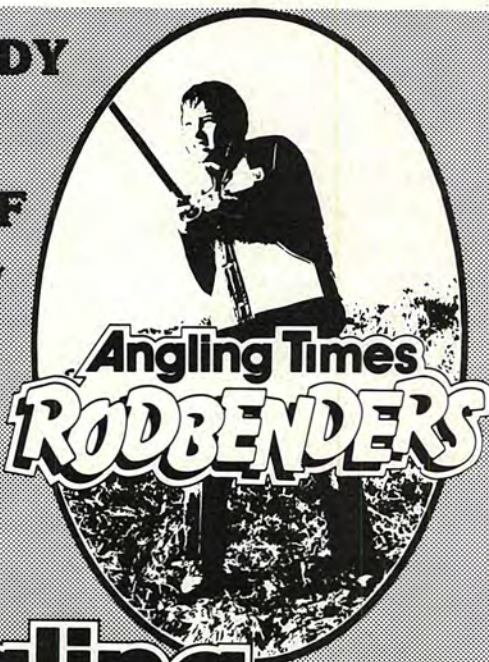
"Ron Saunders is the perfect manager. His record speaks for itself. He has had success with all his clubs and I see no reason why Birmingham should be any different for him.

"The players have been telling me that before he arrived at the club, discipline was lax and the atmosphere wasn't as it should have been.

"But now he's got everything on the straight and narrow again and everyone is battling 100 per cent for each other.

"I've got so much respect for him. It was a great honour when he put his faith in me and signed me from Bristol."

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The final Saturday of the season brought victory for both Birmingham and Wolves, but while three points was enough to keep the 'Blues' in the First Division it failed to stop the 'Wanderers' from slipping into Division Two. Reporter Anthony Hawkswell brings you the contrasting emotions of Mick Harford and Willie Carr.

AND DOWNS

Wolves threw it away, says Willie

RELEGATION to the Second Division was the final act in a season of misery and turmoil for once-mighty Wolves.

A cash crisis, boardroom battles and even demonstrations by supporters took their toll and the men from Molineux struggled all season against the dreaded drop.

Despite a defiant 2-1 victory over West Ham on the last Saturday of the season, their midfield man Willie Carr admits: "The writing had been on the wall for some time."

"After a couple of good results over Easter, we threw it away with defeats by fellow strugglers Stoke and West Brom."

"Andy Gray got sent off at Stoke and I'm sure that if we'd finished with 11 men, we would have won, but when you're struggling down at the bottom, luck seems to go against you."

"Of course, the problems off the pitch haven't helped, but they weren't the main reason for our relegation."

"Lack of goals and lack of consistency has been a major problem. Our scoring record has been awful."

"Obviously it was unsettling for the players to read of the battles between the former manager John Barnwell and the chairman in the newspapers."

"But the players don't know what goes on in the boardroom. We're at the club to play football."

The public and private arguments finally led to John Barnwell's resignation and that ironically spelt a new lease of life for Willie.

The former Scottish international explains: "I was in the reserves and no matter how well I played, there seemed no way back to the first team for me. I thought my days at the club were numbered."

"I think John Barnwell thought my legs had gone. Fortunately, when Ian Greaves arrived, I got my chance to prove myself."

Willie, who is 32, still has a year of his contract at Molineux to run so he expects to be battling to



Willie Carr: "The writing was on the wall."

restore Wolves' First Division status next season.

He played a key role in the Wolves team which bounced back to the top flight at their first attempt after being relegated in the 1976-77 season.

"That year, we bounced straight back up with the same team which was relegated. I don't expect that to happen this time."

"A few players have reached the end of their contracts at Molineux and there's pressure on the manager to sell to ease our financial burden."

"I've played all but one season of my career in the First Division and I desperately want to get back. We'll be giving it our very best shot next season."

"There is cause for optimism. The young players who were brought in midway through the season have done much better than I thought they would."

"I played with most of them in the reserves earlier this season and I had doubts about their ability to adapt to the top flight."

"But they've proved me wrong. One of the youngsters who's really impressed me is central defender Bobby Coy. He's been playing really well."

"I don't think the depression of relegation will hit them too hard. They are young enough to get over it," adds Willie, who's made more than 200 League appearances for Wolves since his transfer from Coventry.

Pen pals

I'M 14-years-old and support Spurs. My favourite player is their England midfield ace Glenn Hoddle. I'd like a pen pal of my own age.
Samantha Barham, 68 Trinity Road, Halstead, Essex. CO9 1ED.

HEARTS and Leicester are my favourite teams and I'd like a pen pal of my own age who supports Jock Wallace's side.
David Fraser (15), 21 Fir Grove, Craigshill East, Livingston, West Lothian, Scotland.

I'D like a pen pal who supports Manchester United with whom I can swap souvenirs.
Birgir Sigfusson (19), Holtubud 31, Gardabur 210, Iceland.

I'M a 17-year-old Match Weekly fan who supports Newport County and West Ham. I'd like a penfriend from anywhere in the world who follows any team except Liverpool, Man. Utd, or Man. City.
Lynette Hathaway, 19 Black Barn Lane, Usk, Gwent, NP5 1BP.

I'M 15-years-old and support Sunderland. I'd like a pen pal of my own age.
Deborah Brown, 66 Chandos Street, Gateshead 8, Tyne and Wear, NE8 4EB.

I'D like a pen pal between the ages of 10 and 16 who supports either Arsenal or Spurs and enjoys collecting programmes.
Justin Montellier, 49 Weston Court, Queens Drive, London N4 2XD.

SOUL, and Jazz Funk music are my other interests. I'm a Liverpool supporter and would like a pen pal of my own age who supports Bob Paisley's men.
Kathleen Cunningham (15), 107 Eagleheart Road, Catford, London SE6.

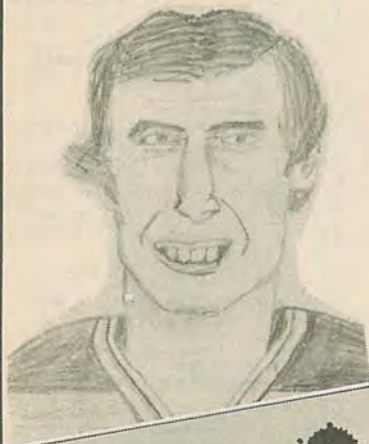
I'M a 17-year-old Leeds supporter and would like a penfriend who supports the Yorkshire club.
Paul McNelly, 12A Deri Avenue, Rainham, Essex, RM13 9LX.

MY favourite teams are Aston Villa and Ipswich. I enjoy music and going to matches and would like a pen pal of my own age.
Lone Sorenson (16), Ryungardveg 32, 2770 Kastrop, Denmark.

ADAM And The Ants are my favourite pop group, and West Ham are my favourite team. I'd like a male pen pal of my own age.
John Ellis (11), 80 Howards Road, Plaistow, London E13 8AY.



Paul Oakfield of Harrogate, Yorks, believes that young Leeds star John Lukic is an England goalkeeper of the future.



Left: "Skilful, accurate and dependable — that's West Ham's Trevor Brooking", says David Reid, of Inverkeilor by Arbroath, Angus, Scotland.

West Ham's Ray Stewart (above) is the best in the business, according to Sean Ryan, of Abbey Wood, London.

STAR GALLERY

Sheffield Wednesday winger Terry Curran is one of the most skilful players in the country, according to Ian Brelsford of Millhouses, Sheffield.



SWANSEA should make a choice between the FA Cup or the Welsh Cup.

It's unfair on the English teams that John Toshack's men are allowed to play in both the FA Cup and then their own Welsh Cup. It gives them two bites of the European cherry.

English clubs like Man. Utd and Arsenal could miss out on a place in Europe by just a point and reach the Semi-Finals of the FA Cup.

In contrast, 'The Swans' could

UNFAIR!

get relegated and knocked out of the FA Cup in the First Round and still qualify for Europe.

Obviously, it's unlikely that clubs like Cardiff and Wrexham will ever win the FA Cup, so the Welsh Cup gives them a chance of glory, but when strong teams like Swansea are allowed to enter both competitions it becomes unfair. Jim O'Hara, Glasgow.

SCRAP THIS SLOG

IT'S the same at the end of every Football League season. Players, exhausted by a heavy fixture list, have to play out vital promotion and relegation issues and compete for European and domestic trophies.

I would like to see English soccer copy the Scots and bring in a Premier Division for 12 or 14 top First Division clubs.

With less fixtures, our top players would be able to give their best, have time to recover from injuries and enable the England team to compete with their international rivals without any handicaps. Paul Flanagan, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

GOLDEN GOOF

THEY are certainly relying on youth in Spain, according to this press clipping sent in by Alan Tonna of St Julians, Malta.

Athletic Bilbao are a young side with an average age of 24. But in Francisco Rojo, their 5-year-old captain and left winger who has 18 international caps, they possess one of the most experienced players in the Spanish league.

Worthington

deal was

master-stroke

LEEDS manager Allan Clarke was heavily criticised when he swapped Welsh defender Byron Stevenson for former England striker Frank Worthington.

At 33, many people thought that Frank's days as a top goal-scorer were over. How wrong they were!

In his first 16 games, Frank had scored eight goals and has been the main reason behind the Yorkshire club's spirited battle against the drop into the Second Division.

The swap is one of the best deals Allan Clarke has struck up since he took over at Elland Road.

Lee Taylor (14), Mexborough, South Yorkshire.



Frank Worthington — great for Leeds, says Lee Taylor.

England stars

slammed

I WAS outraged to read about some of England's top players not wanting to go to the World Cup Finals because of the present Falklands crisis.

After all they put us through in the qualifying rounds, they should at least turn up for the Finals.

Why should we involve politics with football?

Michael Briggs, Farnborough, Hants.

will probably never again get the chance to play in a World Cup Final. What they are saying — for which they should be applauded — is that they are prepared to sacrifice the chance of a lifetime to show their support for the Government and the British task force. You're sent off.

● Of course these England players want to go so Spain. Most of them

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RON GETS IT RIGHT

AS someone who goes to all of Manchester United's home matches, I get very annoyed with people who have been writing in to 'Terrace Talk' complaining of manager Ron Atkinson's handling of the United team.

In my opinion, Ron is doing a marvellous job.

He has spent a lot of money, but the players he has bought have been of the highest quality. Bryan Robson and

Frank Stapleton are world class and John Gidman has been particularly impressive.

Another of Mr Atkinson's qualities is that he never hesitates to bring in youngsters such as Scott McGarvey, Alan Davies and Norman Whiteside.

Thanks to Mr Atkinson and a fantastic bunch of players, Old Trafford can look forward to a repeat of the glory days. Sue Jones, Benchill, Wythenshawe.



Bryan Robson — world class, says Sue Jones.

RON GETS IT WRONG

A PLACE in Europe is all that Manchester United have to show for their massive cash outlay this season.

With the most expensive team in the country, Ron Atkinson's men haven't managed to bring any silverware to the Old Trafford trophy cabinet.

It just goes to show that money doesn't always buy success. Look at Ipswich. Bobby Robson's team cost nothing compared to United and yet they finished higher up in the First Division.

The Manchester United team just isn't balanced. Frank Stapleton and Garry Birtles don't combine well up front and that's meant a lack of goals for the home fans especially. Steven Harper, Audley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

Finish second, England

ENGLAND must NOT finish top of Group Four in the World Cup Finals in Spain.

If they do, they will probably face the might of European champions West Germany in the Second Round and that would almost certainly mean curtains because only one team qualifies from each section.

If England finished runners-up in Group Four, they would probably avoid all the strongest nations including West Germany, Brazil and Argentina.

If Ron Greenwood's men want to do well they've got to finish second in the group — for their own good!

Paul Knighton, Branston, Burton, Staffs.

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Bring in the 'sin bin'

IT'S time football did something to stamp out the so-called 'professional foul'. It's a blot on the game.

I know it has been discussed before, but football should copy ice hockey and introduce the 'sin bin'. Any player committing a deliberate foul should be sent off for five minutes.

Richard Straughan, Coventry, West Midlands.

Good thinking at Goodison

I'M delighted to at last see a club doing something to make the game of football more attractive as a family day out.

The club in question are Everton who have introduced a scheme in which two children can enter the ground free if accompanied by an adult.

This is a wonderful idea, not only to get the mums and dads into the ground, but also to fill those empty spaces caused by falling attendances.

I myself would be happy to watch a good game of football with my parents.

Although I don't support Everton, I certainly support the move they have made and I'm sure other clubs will watch with interest to see how it goes at Goodison. M. Dainty, Walton, Liverpool.

KEEGAN CLANGER

I'M outraged at Kevin Keegan's remarks in 'Match' after the Wales v England British Championship match.

Kevin was talking about Trevor Francis scoring the match-winning goal from a free kick, and said that if it had been Zico shooting home, people would have been going into fits over his dead-ball skill.

The England skipper then complained that British players were not given enough credit for their skills.

That's nonsense. I bet they have better defensive walls in Brazil than the feeble one Wales assembled. B. Smith, Newtonhill, Stonehaven.

● YOU'RE wrong and Kevin's right. We don't give enough credit to the skill of British players. You're booked.

OUTRAGED!

Bring back Frank

I AM outraged that England boss Ron Greenwood ignores the League's finest striker, Leeds United's Frank Worthington.

Frank has been in tremendous form since moving to Elland Road. He's a far better player than either Tony Morley or Cyrille Regis.

Ron should take note of the letters on the Leeds shirt — R.F.W. They stand for 'Recall Frank Worthington!'

D. Miles, Gilwern, Gwent.

● THEY could also stand for 'Ron Favours Work-rate', in which case Frank stands little chance of usurping England's more industrious forwards. Let's face it, at 33, Worthington's international days are well and truly over. You're booked.

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THIRD Division Walsall have given a free transfer to 31-year-old full-back Tony Macken.

The Republic of Ireland international has made more than 150 League appearances for the club since joining them from Derby.

UNIVERSITY DROP-OUT!

THIRD Division Reading dropped 22-year-old Lawrie Sanchez from their team for the last two matches to enable him to complete his studies for a university degree.

He is due to take a degree in business studies at Loughborough University this summer.

Posh scrap reserves

PETERBOROUGH, who narrowly missed promotion to the Third Division, are scrapping their reserve and youth teams next season.

It's a move aimed at reducing the club's overdraft, which is close on £100,000.

FORMER London window cleaner Trevor Morgan has completed a remarkable second season in League football, climaxed by Bournemouth's promotion to the Third Division after a seven-year absence.

For the ex-Leytonstone striker, who stumbled into Dean Court quite by accident last season, was sold and then re-signed all in the space of four months.

The strange events began in October when Mansfield signed him for £10,000 after he had been dropped from the Bournemouth side.

He scored six goals in 12 games for Mansfield, only to be axed and then dramatically re-signed by Bournemouth boss David Webb for £4,000.

It's turned out to be a shrewd piece of business by the former Chelsea and Derby strongman, because Morgan returned to the seaside to score some vital goals in the run-in to promotion.

But Trevor, Bournemouth's top scorer last season with 12 goals, still finds the events difficult to believe.

"It all started in October when I was dropped for the home game with Bury," he explains.

"The boss wanted to change the system up front, and my replacement, Milton Grahame, scored twice in a 3-2 win.

"Within days of being dropped, Mansfield manager Stuart Boam saw me in the reserves and moved in with an offer.

"I couldn't see any future at Bournemouth, and so I decided to move to achieve regular first team football.

"Everything went well for a start with Mansfield, but in the end I don't think I did myself justice.

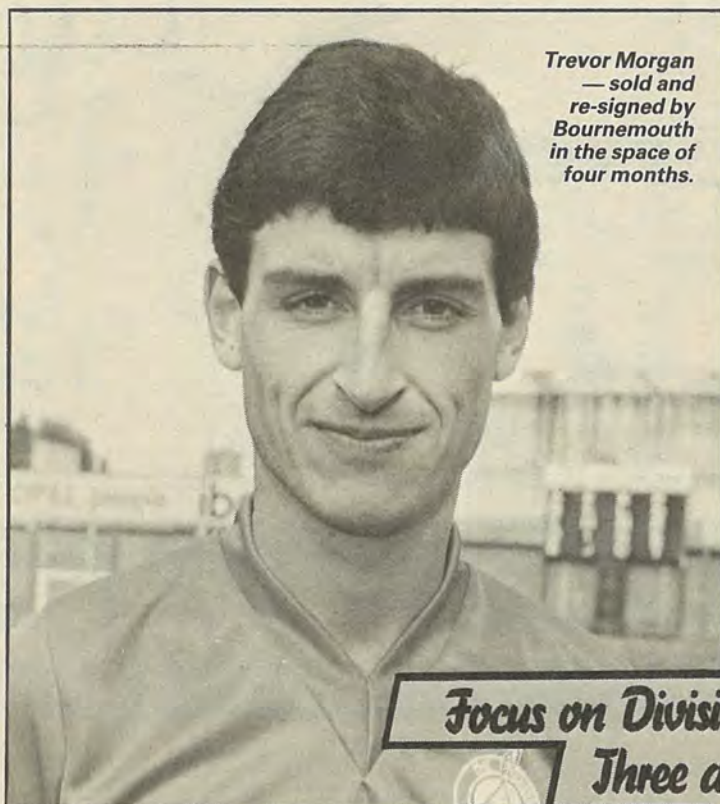
"The travelling backwards and forwards at weekends probably had something to do with it, but I didn't play to my full potential.

"I couldn't believe it when David Webb contacted me to see whether I would be keen to return to Bournemouth.

"At the time, I had been dropped from the Mansfield side and was playing in the reserves.

"So I didn't have any hesitation in going back to Bournemouth.

"I must admit that I thought I had seen the last of the sea.



Trevor Morgan — sold and re-signed by Bournemouth in the space of four months.

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And Trevor popped up with four vital goals to help the club achieve promotion and repay the manager's faith in him.

"I don't think there is any doubt that we deserve promotion because we were probably the best footballing side in the Division.

"And I see no reason why we shouldn't be among the promotion contenders in the Third Division next season.

"David Webb has completely transformed the club and the whole town is now getting right behind the team.

"When I came here last season, we were only getting gates of around 2,000, but this season they have been around the 8,000 mark."

The foundation of Bournemouth's success has been the defence. They conceded only 29 goals in 46 League matches — a record matched only by Manchester United, who played

four games less.

"The defence has been tremendous this season, particularly young goalkeeper Ian Leigh, who came into the side early on when the experienced Kenny Allen broke an arm.

"And the signings of strikers Tony Funnell and Andy Crawford were also important factors in the club's improved fortunes this season.

"They have made a big difference from last season when we could finish only half-way up the table."

Trevor was signed by David Webb before the start of last season after he had gone to watch two other players in a Leytonstone match.

"I'd had a trial with Crystal Palace, but nothing came of that and I gave up hope of playing League football," says Trevor.

"I had only just recovered from a cartilage operation when David came to watch two other players at Leytonstone.

"But I scored two goals in the match and he turned round and signed me instead!"

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MUCH-travelled Stan Bowles is the fans' choice as Brentford's 'Player of the Year'.

The midfielder player joined the Third Division side earlier this season from Orient.

But the players' selection was defender Alan Whitehead, a £60,000 close season buy from Bury.



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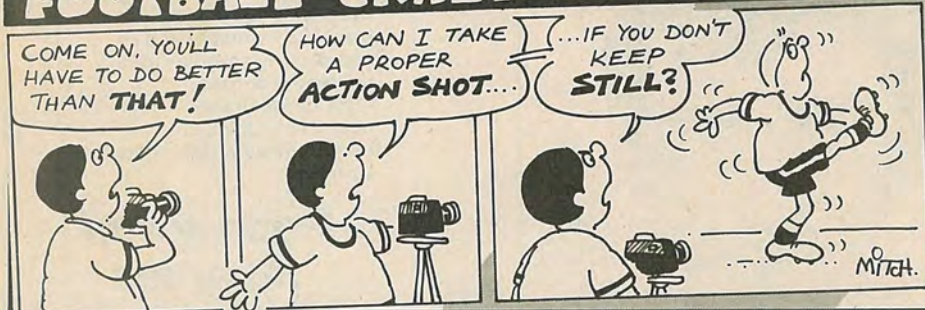
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But before you start demanding that I'm sacked let's have a closer look at my forecasts which were published in the 'Match Weekly All-Star Football Special 1982'.

Ipswich? Yes I was confident they'd take the title and for a long time it looked as if they would. They did finish runners-up and I did state "no season would be complete without Liverpool's presence at the top".

The FA Cup? Well, Liverpool were Wembley winners, but in the League Cup. Right venue — wrong competition!

West Brom? Well I did suggest they would challenge for the Championship and the least said about that the better, but they did reach the Semi-Finals of the competition I said they'd win.

Rangers for the Premier title? Whoops! Maybe I should have known better than to back against Celtic. Still, Rangers finished in third spot.

Of my other predictions, I tipped Crystal Palace to win the Second Division Championship with QPR, Chelsea and Watford chasing them hard.

One out of four thanks to Watford . . . and Palace only finished 40 points behind eventual champions Luton!

Chesterfield will win the Third Division I boldly stated . . . and Mansfield will win the Fourth.

We won't talk too much about those two. Chesterfield finished mid-table and Mansfield narrowly missed applying for re-election! Room for improvement there.

I've one chance left — I tipped Brazil to win the World Cup.

But so much for where the honours will go . . . or in my case where they won't go!

Every Saturday throughout the season I predicted the scores for ten selected matches and I know from your letters you've enjoyed trying to beat me.

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Enjoy the World Cup. I'll see you at the start of next season.

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BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Jack Nicholson and Pamela Stephenson.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Kramer vs Kramer.
BEST FRIEND: I have many back in Scotland.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Benny Rooney, Mike Jackson and the coaching staff at Morton.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Injuries and postponements.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Seven Scotland Under 21 caps and one Scottish League appearance.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To remain happy.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To be successful with West Ham and play for Scotland.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Hopefully coaching.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Morton's Bernie Slaven.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Bjorn Borg.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work hard and always listen to advice.

